

20 Second Thought



Come up with an excuse **NOT** to do the following:

- Clean your room
- Do your homework
- Finish this Bible study
- Help with yardwork

EXCUSES

Was it hard to find an excuse? The only hard part about it might have been WHICH excuse to use! We can usually find excuses not to do something. It's not real difficult! God was about to ask Moses to do something that Moses was not very eager or interested in doing. How did the Lord convince him? Let's see!

Read & Review

Today we're going to do our review while we're reading.

Read Exodus 2:23-25.

1. Describe what life was like for the Israelites living in Egypt at this time.
2. How did God feel about what the Israelites were going through?

Read Exodus 3:1-10

3. What was Moses' job?

Answers

1. The words "groaned", "slavery" and "cried out" do not paint a pleasant picture. It was terrible to be an Israelite. You worked for a Pharaoh who was trying to work you to death.
2. He was concerned about them and decided that he was going to act on the promise he had made to Abraham 400 years earlier to bring them to the Promised Land of Canaan.
3. Moses was a shepherd. Moses had left Egypt and travelled hundreds of miles to live in place called Midian. Moses got married and had a son.

4. What was weird about the bush that Moses stumbled upon one day?



5. Who did bush say that he was?

6. What exciting news did God deliver to Moses?

7. How might you expect Moses to react when God told him that HE was the one God chose to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?

Read Exodus 3:11-12

8. What was Moses' **first** excuse and God's answer to it?

- **Moses' Excuse:**
- **God's Answer:**

Read Exodus 3:13-15

9. What was Moses' **second** excuse and God's answer to it?

- **Moses' Excuse:**
- **God's Answer:**

Read Exodus 4:1-7

10. What was Moses' **third** excuse and God's answer to it?

- **Moses' Excuse:**
- **God's Answer:**

4. It was on fire but not burning up and it talked!

5. God! The same God of Moses' people the Israelites (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)

6. God was going to rescue the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt and bring them to the Promised Land of Canaan.

7. Excited (What a privilege!), nervous (Really big job!), scared (Haven't been back for long time!)

8. Moses' Excuse: I'm no one special. God's Answer: I will be with you

9. Moses' Excuse: What if they ask the name of the God who sent me? God's Answer: Tell them "I AM" sent you

10. Moses' Excuse: What if they don't believe or listen to me? God's Answer: I'll perform powerful miracles through you like turning staff to snake, and causing and healing incurable disease like leprosy

Read Exodus 4:10-12

11. What was Moses' **fourth** excuse and God's answer to it?

- **Moses' Excuse:**
- **God's Answer:**

Read Exodus 4:13-18

12. What was Moses' **fifth** excuse and God's answer to it?

- **Moses' Excuse:**
- **God's Answer:**

13. What did Moses **FINALLY** do?

11. Moses' Excuse: I'm not good at speaking to people.
God's Answer: I will help you to speak.

12. Moses' Excuse: I don't want to go. God's Answer: Your brother Aaron will go with you and speak for you

13. Took his family and went back to Egypt.

His Word in Your Life

Our Excuses!

Look at the following situations. Why might we NOT be eager to do what God asks of us in these situations?

- Helping a friend who is struggling with an assignment.
- Going to church on a Monday night because you were out of town that weekend.
- Learning your memory work for Catechism class.

All of those situations might mean taking time away from doing something else, possibly lead to people making fun of you for doing it, or take some/lots of your effort.

God's Answers

Think back to the ways that God answered Moses' excuses for not doing what God asked him to do. Name some situations when it might be especially good for us to hear God's answers.

God says, "I will be with you!"

- *You are the only one who speaks up when people are making fun of someone.*

God says, "I AM WHO I AM!"

- *When you feel that God's ways are outdated or old fashioned.*

God says, "I can do amazing things!"

- *You're having a hard time believing that God do what he says he has done or will do.*

God says, "I will help you!"

- *You're wondering how you're going to make it through a hard or sad time in your life.*

God says, "I give you others to help you!"

- *When you realize that you don't have an ability needed to do something.*

Catechism Connection



To help Moses overcome his reluctance, God reminded Moses of his attributes or characteristics. Turn to pages 126-127 in your Catechism. Read through the Bible passages and make a list of all the characteristics of God. The chart on page 126 will help.

Interested in volunteering?

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