

30 Second Thought



What is the difference between a reason and an excuse?

A reason is...

An excuse is...

You might say that a reason is an explanation for why you have chosen to do or not to do something. It is justification for your decision. On the other hand, an excuse is a way of getting out of something that you don't want to do. While I suppose that both could technically be used interchangeably, I think that you would probably agree that "reason" has more of positive connotation than "excuse." Are you good at coming up with excuses? I asked the 5-8 graders to give excuses for not doing things like cleaning their room and helping with yard work, and I don't think that they struggled with excuses. Unfortunately, I don't think that's something that we outgrow and it can easily carry over into our Christian lives. Today we hear God answer the **excuses** of Moses and see how God gives us plenty of **reasons** to follow him in faith.

Read & Review

Read Exodus 3:1-10

1. Where was Moses living and what was his occupation?
2. What caught Moses' attention and what especially startled him?
3. What doubly "exciting" news did the Lord deliver to Moses?

Read Exodus 3:11,12

4. What was Moses' first excuse and God's answer?

Moses' Excuse:

God's Answer:

Read Exodus 3:13-15

5. What was Moses' second excuse and God's answer?

Moses' Excuse:

God's Answer:

Read Exodus 4:1-5

6. What was Moses' third excuse and God's answer?

Moses' Excuse:

God's Answer:

Read Exodus 4:10-12

7. What was Moses' fourth excuse and God's answer?

Moses' Excuse:

God's Answer:

Read Exodus 4:13-16

8. What was Moses' fifth excuse and God's answer?

Moses' Excuse:

God's Answer:

Read Exodus 4:20

9. How does Moses finally respond?

His Word in Your Life

What is causing reluctance for you to do what God is asking? Returning to the Lord the first part of your income through your offering? Waiting to live with your boyfriend/girlfriend until married? Trusting God's goodness while suffering from chronic pain? Not worrying when it appears you may soon be losing your job? Defending the person whose reputation is being damaged on social media?

How can God's answers to Moses many excuses, help you to overcome yours?

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