

Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of August 9, 2015

Exodus 4:10-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁰ But Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

¹² Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

¹³ But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad.

Common English Bible (CEB)

¹⁰ *But Moses said to the LORD, "My Lord, I've never been able to speak well, not yesterday, not the day before, and certainly not now since you've been talking to your servant. I have a slow mouth and a thick tongue."*

¹¹ *Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives people the ability to speak? Who's responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn't it I, the LORD?" ¹² Now go! I'll help you speak, and I'll teach you what you should say."*

¹³ *But Moses said, "Please, my Lord, just send someone else."*

¹⁴ *Then the LORD got angry at Moses and said, "What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak very well. He's on his way out to meet you now, and he's looking forward to seeing you."*

Connection Questions:

1. What did God call Moses to do?
2. Read Exodus 3:12. What reassurance did God give Moses?
3. Read Matthew 28:20. What promise did Jesus give us?
4. Read Exodus 4:1. What other excuse did Moses give to God?
5. What three things did God promise in response to this excuse?
6. In Exodus 4:10 Moses gives another excuse. What is it this time?

7. How does God plan to overcome the weakness Moses cites?

8. Scripture indicates that God got angry with Moses. What do you think about this reaction to Moses in particular? What do you think about this reaction in regard to your own excuses to God?

9. Have you ever made excuses to not do what God asks you to do?

10. Why do you think it's so easy to make excuses to God?

11. Is there something God is asking you to do now, with which you are struggling?