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REDEEMED FROM BONDAGE IN EGYPT AND BROUGHT INTO A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

## Moses' Excuses – PART I





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10. They told me at the blood bank this might happen.
9. This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in the last time management course you sent me to.
8. I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm!
7. I was testing the keyboard for drool resistance.
6. Actually I'm doing a "Stress Level Elimination Exercise Plan" (SLEEP). I learned it at the last mandatory seminar you made me attend.

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## Top 10 Excuses if caught sleeping at work (Contd)

5. I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work related stress. Are you discriminatory toward people who practice Yoga?"
4. Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.
3. Someone must've put decaf in the wrong pot.
2. I wasn't sleeping, I was trying to pick up contact lens without hands.
1. In Jesus name.....Amen!!!





# I would like to do it Lord, BUT...

- Lord! You know how busy I am at work
- Lord! You know how busy I am at school
- I'm too young
- This is my weakness
- I'm too old, it's too late at my stage.
- I've done too many wrong things, God couldn't take me
- I don't think I am gifted
- Lord! You know how big my family is and my commitment to my family
- I would like to maintain the balance

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## **MAIN IDEA:**

**God has plans;**

**We have excuses;**

**God has solutions –**

**So, our excuses are lame and dumb.**

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## Jeremiah 1:4-7

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 5  
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And  
before you were born I consecrated you; I have  
appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said,  
"Alas, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak,  
Because I am a youth." 7 But the LORD said to me, "Do  
not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you,  
you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall  
speak.

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<b>Excuses</b>	<b>What they are</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Who am I?	Lack of Confidence	3:11
What is your name/What is the message?	Lack of Message	3:13
What if they wouldn't believe?	Lack of Faith	4:1
I am not eloquent	Lack of Skill	4:10
Send someone else	Lack of Willingness	4:13



**Humility should be exhibited in  
the execution of the work and  
not in the acceptance of it.**

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In Excuse No:1 Moses'  
problem was:

**SELF DEPRECIATION**

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# **‘SELF-DEPRECIATION’**

**Meaning: *‘It is the undervaluation of oneself and one’s abilities’***

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# Who are you?

- You are nobody (1 Cor 6:9)
- You are somebody (2 Cor 3:5-6)
  - You are Unique (1 Cor 12:4)
  - You are an Ambassador (2 Cor 5:20)
  - You are a Fragrance (2 Cor 2:15,16)

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# Who are you? (Cont'd...)

- You are an Epistle (Eph 5:30)
- You are Christ's body (1 Cor 6:19)
- You are God's temple (Eph 5:30)
- You are a holy and royal priest  
(1 Pet 2:5, 9)

**1. You Are Somebody's**

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# God's solution

- His PRESENCE
- His PROMISE

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In Excuse No:2 Moses'  
problem was:

**SELF IMAGE**

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# SELF-IMAGE

Meaning: *'Self image is how you see yourself in relation to others'*

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**2 Corinthians 5:13** *If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God (NIV)*

Greek word **Existemi**

**Meaning:** *to displace, to stand aside from*

**Mark 3:21** When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses (existemi)." (NASB)

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# God's solution for Excuse 2:

- I AM the Authority

**Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."**

Commission ALWAYS follows authority

- I AM the Message

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# Conclusion

- **Admit your sins of Self Depreciation and Self Image**
- **Acknowledge your value in Christ**
- **Accept His work for you**

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