



**WHEN GOD PROMISES SOMETHING, YOU CAN BANK ON IT!**

“Soon I will die,” Joseph told his brothers, “but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land He solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Genesis 50:24 NLT

**400 YEARS LATER...**

He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.

Exodus 2:25

**WHEN “I CAN” CALLS THE “I CANT’S”**

**Exodus 3** NLT

Then the LORD told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of My people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land.

**MOSES HAD AN “I” PROBLEM... GOD I’M NOT ENOUGH TO \_\_\_\_\_**

His vision was blurry

**1. PROTEST #1 / I CAN’T DO THIS BECAUSE I’M NOT ENOUGH!**

**GOD SAYS I AM**

Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead My people Israel out of Egypt.” But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?” God answered, “I will be with you.

**2. PROTEST #2 / I CAN’T BECAUSE I’M NOT SMART ENOUGH!**

**GOD SAYS I AM**

But **Moses protested**, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is His name?’ Then what should I tell them?” God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.”

**Exodus 4**

**3. PROTEST #3 / I’M NOT INFLUENTIAL ENOUGH! GOD SAYS I AM**

But **Moses protested again**, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The LORD never appeared to you?’” Then the LORD asked him, “What is that in your hand?” “A shepherd’s staff,” Moses replied. “Throw it down on the ground,” the LORD told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back. Then the LORD told him, “Reach out and grab its tail.” So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd’s staff in his hand.

**4. PROTEST #4 / I’M NOT GOOD AT SPEAKING! GOD SAYS I AM**

But **Moses pleaded with the LORD**, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though You have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” Then the LORD asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”

**5. PROTEST # AD NAUSEUM / GOD THIS IS IMPORTANT, PLEASE CHOOSE ANYONE ELSE; I REALLY DON’T WANT TO! GOD SAYS I AM**

But **Moses again pleaded**, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.” Then the LORD became angry with Moses. “All right,” he said. “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he speaks well. And look! He is on his way to meet you now. He will be delighted to see you.

**RELUCTANTLY MOSES FINALLY GOT IT... I CAN’T BUT GOD CAN**

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**GOD IS WRITING A STORY AND YOU’RE IN IT! YOU’RE CALLING IS A GIFT FROM GOD. HE’S BUILDING A TEAM AND YOU’RE ON IT. YOU HAVE A POSITION TO PLAY.**

**EVERY TIME WE HIT AN I CAN’T... GOD SAYS I AM**