

A Public Faith



Sharing the Hope That's Within



EXODUS 3:1-14





Insights from inside the story

**The lampstand in the
Tabernacle/Temple
was reminder of the
burning bush.**

Exodus 25:31

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**God is not detached
from world affairs. God
sees, hears and acts!**

Exodus 2:23-25 & 3:7-8

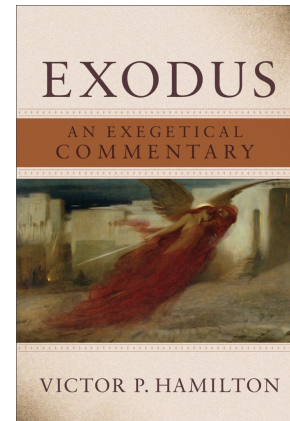
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Moses had been a shepherd for 40 years when God appears to him!

Acts 7:30

Shepherding is what Moses has been doing for a good long while. If one thinks about it, it is a good preparation for another kind of shepherding to which God will call Moses.

-“Exodus” by Victor P. Hamilton, page 45



Insights from inside the story

4 times God will tell Moses, “Go!”

Exodus 3:10; 4:12; 4:19 & 6:11

Insights from inside the story

**The burning bush had to be an amazing sight!
The Bible is MORE so!**

Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16

Insights from inside the story

Moses's Response:

***“Who am I that I
should go?”***

Exodus 3:11

Who am I ?

**3 REASONS MOSES DOESN'T
BELIEVE HE IS QUALIFIED.**

***#1 He feared his
answers wouldn't be
good enough.***

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go
to the Israelites and say to them,
'The God of your fathers has sent
me to you,' **and they ask me,**
'What is his name?' **Then what
shall I tell them?"** -Exodus 3:13

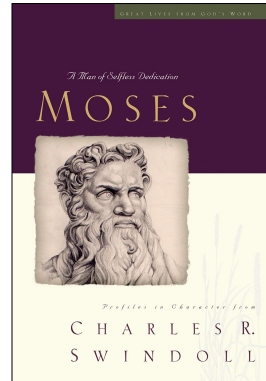
**3 REASONS MOSES DOESN'T
BELIEVE HE IS QUALIFIED.**

***#2 Moses' past attempts
at leadership failed, why
will it be different now?***

Moses answered, "**What if
they do not believe me
or listen to me** and say,
'The Lord did not appear to
you'?" -Exodus 4:1

It isn't any fun to feel foolish in front of people, is it? For most of us, that would be like the old nightmare where you're giving a report to your class and suddenly notice you're standing there in your underwear. Moses feared that level of embarrassment. In the solitude of his desert retreat, at least, he still had his dignity. **He might be obscure, he might be a nobody, he might be over the hill, but he was safe. At least no one was laughing at him.**

"Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication" Charles Swindoll (p. 118-119)



3 REASONS MOSES DOESN'T BELIEVE HE IS QUALIFIED.

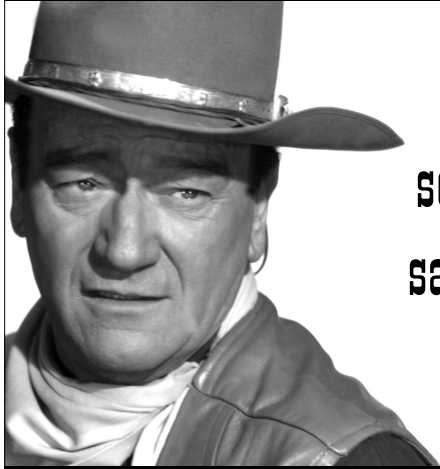
#3 *Moses is not a gifted speaker.*

*"Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. **I am slow of speech and tongue.**" -Exodus4:10*

Moses' Final Appeal: *"Please send someone else."*

*But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. **Please send someone else.**"*
-Exodus4:13

God's Solution to, *"Who am I?"* **is, "I AM WHO"**



Courage is being
scared to death but
saddling up anyway.
-John Wayne

Truth for today:

Courage is doing what God asks
***despite what you believe about
yourself*** because like Moses, God's
ability to work in our lives is not
limited by our abilities or liabilities!

*¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new
creation has come. The old has gone, the new is
here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to
himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of
reconciliation... ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's
ambassadors, as though God were making his
appeal through us.*

-2 Corinthians 5:17&18,20

