

Message Notes

“Let My People Go: I Will Work Through You”

Exodus 4:10-17 (NIV)

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We See God Work Through Us Best When We . . .

Acknowledge the Obstacles

Moses said to the LORD, “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.” (Exodus 4:10)

◆ As Moses Did Culturally

◆ Exaggerated Humility

“. . . this exaggerated humility (was) often employed in situations where one is appealing for help or mercy from someone else or showing one’s mannerly self-deprecation at being given a great assignment.” (Douglas K. Stuart)

◆ Examples in Scripture (Saul, David, Solomon, Hazael, Jeremiah, Paul)

◆ As We Can Confidently

◆ Equipped with God’s Values for Guidance

◆ Employing Our Minds to Choose

Avoid Obstinacy (“You Limited Me By . . .”)

Act Like an Overcomer

The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

(Exodus 4:11)

◆ Serve According to Our Design (Matthew 25) or Even Our Disabilities (John 9) . . .

◆ Strengthened By Our Designer

“Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” (Exodus 4:12)

Abandon Opposition

But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.” Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.” (Exodus 4:13-14)

◆ So We May Experience God’s Best

◆ Our Plans May Have Problems

◆ His Plans Are Perfect for His Purposes

◆ **So We Express Our Trust**

◆ **Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, Poet, Teacher, Editor**

◆ **1923 Poem Put to Music By MBI Musician William Runyan**

“I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness.”

(Thomas Chisholm, 1941)

◆ **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Introduced at Billy Graham London Crusade 1954**

“Great is our fickleness . . . Great is Thy faithfulness.

We may give up . . . but our God cannot.

We may grow weary . . . but our God cannot.

We may vacillate . . . but our God cannot.

We may disappoint ourselves . . .

but our God cannot disappoint anyone.

We may fail a thousand times . . . but our God cannot fail

. . . not even once.”