

# Up From Slavery

A man / A people / A plan

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Needed: Ambassadors

Exodus 6:28-7:5

## Context

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<sup>28</sup> Now when the LORD spoke to Moses in Egypt, <sup>29</sup> he said to him, “I am the LORD. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.”

<sup>30</sup> But Moses said to the LORD, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

# Context

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The nature of Moses' problem:

Physical

Psychological

Temperament

Are you an initiator or responder?

How does God respond to Moses' reticence?

Fear is not an adequate excuse.

## The BIG question

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- What transforms *can't* into *will*?

# One must be certain of God's call

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Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.

Our call . . .

Matthew 28:19-20

Acts 1:8

2 Corinthians 5:21

# God must establish the message

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## A. The message in the past

<sup>2</sup> You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country.

## B. The message today

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.

Isaiah 61:1–3

Luke 4:14-21

# We need to be bold

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## A. Significant questions

1. What if people won't listen
2. Why should we bother?

## B. A gentle reminder

... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isaiah 55<sup>11</sup>



# Obedience is a prerequisite for success

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<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them. <sup>7</sup> Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Someday needs to become NOW

## To Go . . .

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- Who is the Pharaoh in your life?
- Will you take God's message to him/her?
- When will you do it?
- Exodus 7:8-24