

# Up From Slavery

A man / A people / A plan

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Overcoming Obstacles to  
Effectiveness?

Exodus 3:11- 4:17

## A change in posture

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- Last week Moses was face-down, kneeling before God.
- This week: Moses responds to God and fear overwhelms faith.

## Who am I?

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<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup> And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

## Who am I?

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The ultimate question is not who you are. . .  
the issue here is the power of God to  
accomplish that which is His will.

Ultimate assurance awaits obedience.

While humility is a virtue fear is not.

## What shall I say?

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<sup>13</sup> 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?”

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

<sup>16</sup> “Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob— appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. <sup>17</sup> And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’

<sup>18</sup> “The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.’ <sup>19</sup> But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. <sup>20</sup> So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.

## What shall I say?

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- I have been powerful in the past.
- I will be powerful in the future.
- Elements to remember:
  1. Three day journey
  2. Into the desert
  3. To offer sacrifices
- We have a choice:

focus on the problems or the promises.

## To Go . . .

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- Have you ever had a Moses moment?
- Why is it so difficult for us to believe that God really wants to work through people like us?
- How do you answer the "Who sent you" question?
- Next week: Exodus 4:1-17