

When you doubt your usefulness to God

Exodus - The Greatest Journey!

Exodus 6:9-30

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"Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the children of Israel go out of his land.' And Moses spoke before the Lord, saying, 'The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?'" (Exodus 6:9-12; NKJ)

When you are discouraged and doubt your usefulness to God...

A. Fall back on obedience!

"Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the children of Israel and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt." (v 13)

B. Understand that God's calling is not random! (vv 14-19)

- **Genealogies point to God's anticipated action!**
- **Genealogies point to God's foreknowledge and plan!**

C. _____ and commit to your _____ in Christ!

"Now Amram took for himself Jochebed, his father's sister, as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven. The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. And the sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan, and Zithri. Aaron took to himself Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Nahshon, as wife; and she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. And the sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korahites. Eleazar, Aaron's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Putiel as wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites according to their families. These are the same Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, 'Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies.' These are the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt. These are the same Moses and Aaron." (vv 20-27)

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:9-10; NKJ)

1. You have been emphatically _____ _____ !

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." (John 15:16; NKJ)

2. You are officially appointed as _____ _____ !

"And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:9-10; NKJ)

The fact that you are struggling is not a sign that you are inadequate as a preacher. If you were never perplexed about what to preach on, it might indicate that your preaching has fallen into a predictable pattern that makes for easy preparation but dull listening. And it would suggest that you have lost a sense of the audacity of the task: a human being trying to speak for God.

3. You are _____ especially for the _____ of God!

"But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless." (Titus 3:9; NKJ)

"And it came to pass, on the day the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, that the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'I am the Lord. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you.' But Moses said before the Lord, 'Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?'" (vv 28-30)