

PG has defined calling as *an invitation to Purpose*. God invites us to participate in His will with Him. But we must respond to calling, it is not automatic. In the passage we are going to look at, we see Moses respond to his calling.

Exodus 4:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive." And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."

I GOD CALLS

A- In Exodus 3 God Calls Moses from the burning bush-

1. God calls Moses by name, and reveals to him His will for his life-
 - a. I want you to speak to Pharaoh, and I want you to deliver my people.
2. God calls to us; Not everyone will have a literal burning bush experience, but we will all have moments with God-
 - a. Abraham heard God's voice, Jacob wrestled, Gideon saw God's spirit, Samson was told by his parents...
 - b. God calls people differently, teaching us there isn't one way!
 - i. Some hear calling in a sermon, at an altar, in prayer, in bible reading, a word, a voice...

B- Then we see God confirms Moses calling;

1. The staff to a Snake, the hand of Leprosy, and a promise that when he spills water to the ground it will become blood
2. All of this is God confirming for Moses his invitation to purpose... God will always do his part!

II CALLING REPLY:

A- Now, like Moses, we tend to fight our calling- *Moses repeatedly gave reasons why he couldn't be used-*

1. Some men fight with Fear: Fear of the unknown, fear of acceptance, fear of inability, FEAR!
 - a. This was huge for me! I pulled back on calling largely due to fear.
2. Some fight with Certainty: How can I be sure? I want it all laid out. I want proof. I want clarity.
 - a. Gideon did this with the fleece... Why? He wasn't asking what he should do, he wanted certainty in it!
3. Some men fight with Trust: How can I trust you God? Maybe I need something to fall back on, I should save first, I should get a career first... Really you don't trust God!

B- Our passage teaches us something very profound;

- a. If you will seek God about your Calling (honestly) He will confirm it!
1. Honestly: Meaning I genuinely want to know God's will, and I genuinely want to do it!
2. Moses battled all kinds of fears, insecurities, and trust but God still met with him and answered him.
 - a. He will do that for you and with you! B/c He is patient; **Rev3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
3. God will move with you, and He is willing to await your reply.

III CALLING RESPONSE:

A- Ultimately Moses had to respond to God's call with action-

1. **Exodus 4:18 (NKJV)** ¹⁸ So Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and said to him, "Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt..."
 - a. Let me Go, then he packed up his things, gathered his wife and children and left!
 - b. He took action in his calling. It wasn't left with reply (*yes, sure, probably, maybe*) It was activated in action-

B- So, What is the action for you?

1. For some its getting finances in order, for others its healing your marriage, others its fruitfulness and follow up!
 - a. For others its prayer, bible reading, bible study... **ACTIVATE YOUR CALLING!**
2. For years I knew I was called. But I can tell you the very day I activated my calling, by responding to it-
 - a. About to begin the RN program and commit the next 4 years of my life to school... God asked me *What are you called to?*
 - i. I got up, walked out, and unenrolled from the program... I told my wife, I told PG the next service, and told my bosses at work at my next annual review... In 2 years we became the Concert director... and took our first church in 2012 at 24 years old-