



## “Who Me?”

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*Exodus 3:10-14*

**V. 11** – We see Moses question God’s calling. “Who Me?”  
Moses asks “Who am I?” When God calls, he questions.

The ironic thing is that God had already given Moses the answer before the question. In v. 11, Moses questions the calling from God, but in v. 10, the verse just before, we see the answer before the question:

**V. 10** – “I will send you... My people”

Let me make sure that you get this...

**Moses’ question:** “Who me?” **God’s response:** “No, Me!”

Too many people, churches, denominations, etc are focused on the callee and not the Caller! Too many people with too many good intentions fail, not because of bad planning, but because of a lack of God’s true calling.

Either in their lives, in this specific area, or whatever.

You can have all the personality traits, all the skills, the education, read a million books on the subject, have the best plans... but if God is not truly calling you, His purposes will not be accomplished!

**Intern getting out of seminary** – All he knew is that he was just about to graduate, and he assumes that would qualify him for any type of ministry. I asked him why he was interested in church planting, and he responded by saying he wasn't sure what he wanted to do. Either planting, pastor an establish church, or maybe even over seas missions. He thought he might enjoy or be good at any of those, but he didn't decide which yet. I asked him what God was calling him to. He said "Well that is what I'm trying to figure out." No... it sounds like you are trying to figure out which one you will enjoy more. Sometimes God will call you in spite of yourself. It isn't about what you want... it's about what God wants!

What is God calling you to today?

Purity? Teaching? Studying more? Helping more in church?

Understand that I'm not asking about your interests, I am asking what God is honestly calling you to. Take the time to discern God's calling for you!

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**16:25**

**19:21**

We tend to want to make our own decisions, but the problem is that we are simply incapable of making the right choice... The problem is because we are always basing things on limited information. Why would we not take it to someone who has ALL of the information?

Do you see why it is so important to take things before God?

We want to decide how, what, where, and who... but only God should choose that. We want to focus on the callee, but we should be focusing on the Caller, and what He has to say about things.

If you have ever been a part of a pastoral search committee, you know that you can get up to 100 applicants for that job. Each one will tell you that they feel God is calling them to pastor that specific church. The problem is that God might only be calling ONE of those 100 people. That means that 99 of them either didn't spend time with God, or aren't hearing Him correctly. This is a major problem!

So the search committee will start looking at credentials, qualifications, education, past history, etc, etc... But let me share a secret with you: The message is more important than the messenger!

Focus on the Caller, the One who calls, and you will get the right person! Focus on the Caller, the one who calls you, and you will be put in the right place at the right time... in the right area for you to serve and minister!

I want you to notice something else in this passage of scripture. Too often we want some kind of sign from God. Some type of confirmation after He speaks to us. Something that will confirm what He has already told us.

**Exodus 3:12** – Here we see God says the exact opposite. He says: “This will be a sign to you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

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Not before you follow what God says, but after you follow what God says!

Sometimes the sign that you want so desperately will only come AFTER you obey Him! We want a big sign from God and then we will obey Him, but God says this: ***BIG OBEDIENCE FIRST, THEN THE SIGN!***

If you spend your whole life waiting for the big sign from God, you can miss what God is calling you to! Too often the sign will come after the obedience.

**Matthew 16:4** – Jesus said that “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks signs.” Only wicked people need big signs to obey God.

**Ecc. 11:4 (NLT)** – “If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.”

So Moses, in v. 13, says “OK I will go... but God, what if they ask about you? What shall I tell them Your name is?”

**I AM** – This eternal God of our fathers, Who has always existed. Who is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.

He truly is the Rock that we can trust and depend on. He never changes!

We tend to change every single day. We sway this way and that. We were this way, not we are this way, tomorrow we will be that way. We change all the time. But God is the great I AM! Eternally God.

So the next time God calls you to something, know a few things:

1. When you question yourself, you question your Creator.
2. Sometimes the sign or confirmation won't come until after you obey God, and do what He says.
3. It isn't about the one being called, but the One that is calling!

## Psalm 24

Clean hands? Pure heart? Not lifted my soul to falsehood? Who Me?

Jacob struggled with God too. But if you will bring it to God and cry out, He will give you clean hands, and a pure heart.

We all serve our own idols: money, career, family, ourselves, whatever

Cast down your idols today. It's not about you, your power, your life... it's about God. Cry out to Him today: Give us clean hands & pure hearts!



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