

REVERB::LIVING LOUD::Moses: Surrender to the Mission::lesson one

FAMILY DEVOTION

In order to make a living, there is something that we all need: a job. There is nothing quite like landing that first job! Getting there, though, can be quite grueling. It doesn't take long when looking through job postings to see that employers like to use words such as, "extraordinary", "proven", "qualified", and "experienced." For the first-time job seeker, job-searching can quickly make one feel like an inadequate, unqualified, ordinary, and unlikely candidate. It can at times leave one feeling hopeless. How can one gain experience if an employer isn't willing to give him or her the experience that comes with a particular job?

The good news is that many employers will take a chance on inexperienced workers. Many will see the potential and happily train and equip a new employee in order to produce a quality worker that will serve the company well. The even better news is that God always does this! That's how He works. When God calls us, He calls us just as we are, equipping us for the mission that He has for our lives. He doesn't require anyone to come to Him with a resume and inform Him of what they believe that they can do. Instead, He equips us, empowers us, and, most of all, works through us in order to accomplish His awesome plans and purposes.

God delights in turning our weaknesses into strengths. He loves to turn our excuses into miracles! All we need to do is surrender to Him.

Moses was a very ordinary, flawed guy. He was no one special, yet God used him for His extraordinary purposes. Spend some time reading Exodus 3:1–10 and 4:10–18 together as a family. You will see how God thought much more highly of Moses than Moses even thought of himself. Moses was full of excuses as to why he was not qualified to fulfill God's mission, yet with each excuse God reminded him of His own presence and His power.

Just as God promised Moses that He would equip him and never leave him. He wants to do the same for you. All that God requires of us is surrender—the surrender of our excuses and our own agendas. He will take care of the rest. He will make sure that we are fully equipped to fulfill His great purpose. That's who God is. He is Lord God Almighty!

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. Take a moment to think of someone in your life who really believes in you. How does it make you feel to hear encouragement from that person? What difference does it make when you are discouraged?
2. Have you considered yourself as called by God? Consider the phrase that says, "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called." How does that make you feel?
3. What is God calling you as an individual to do through Him? What is God calling you as a family to do through Him? How do you feel about that mission?
4. Moses used the excuse of not being eloquent of speech in his effort to tell God that he was not the right person for the job. What excuses do you use? Are you willing to surrender them and trust that God will give you all you need plus His own presence in order to fulfill His mission?
5. How has God already used you to fulfill His purposes? Take a moment to list as many ways as possible. Are you surprised by any of them? Could God use you in even bigger ways?