No Excuses Christianity

Greg Kline · Exodus 3:1–4:13

INTRODUCTION

- Why do we keep having the same resolutions year after year?
- The reason things don't get done, whether we want to admit it or not, is that it's excuses that keep us from what we know we should be doing.
- Any excuse will do. It doesn't matter if it's legitimate, phony, whether it's impactful or minuscule in the grand scheme of things.

1 Who Am I? Not Special Enough

Exodus 3:10–12

- Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?
- If God expects us to do this and you say I'm not good enough, you are claiming the creator, God Almighty, made a mistake.
- But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that I have sent you.

2 I Wouldn't Know What to Say

Exodus 3:13–15; Matthew 28:19; Romans 1:16

- If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, the God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they ask me, What is his name? What shall I say to them?
- If you know that God sent Jesus and He died on the cross for our sins, you can share that message.
- Go therefore, make disciples of the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

3 They Will Not Believe Me

Exodus 4:1–9; 1 Corinthians 3:5–9

- But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, The Lord did not appear to you.
- The power of the gospel unto salvation remains, no matter who believes it.
- I planted, Apollos watered. But God gave the growth.
- It is God who saves, not us. My words do not save a soul. The blood of Christ does.

4 I Am Not Eloquent, Please Send Someone Else

Exodus 4:10–13

- But Moses said to the Lord, Oh my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant. But I am slow of speech and of tongue.

- But he said, O my Lord, please send someone else.
- Who has made man's mouth? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.
- We are not showing humility. We are showing cowardice. We are making excuses, and we are blaming God.
- He shed his blood so that we would change who we are and stop making excuses.

5 Here Am I, Lord, Send Me

Isaiah 6:6–8; Acts 8:4

- What he really meant was, I don't want to do it. Send somebody else.
- We are to be like Isaiah and to say, Here am I, Lord, send me.
- We all have a charge to preach the gospel.

6 It Is Our Job to Plant and to Water

- If our ten elders and deacons passed out five of these a month, that'd be 50 cards a month.
- Remember, it is our job to plant and to water. God provides the increase.
- If you have someone you want to talk to, you talk to them because it is your God-given responsibility. Don't make excuses.
- The question is, what will you do with the gospel? Will you sit on it or will you share it?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Can you answer to God in a clean conscience this morning? Can you say, God, I have done all for you. I have done all that I know up until this point in my life.**

MY NOTES