

# FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

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## MESSAGE TITLE: OUT FROM YOUR DOUBT

*“And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. 3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: 5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. 6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow. 7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. 9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. 10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. 11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man’s mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. 13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. 14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. 15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.” (Exodus 4:1-15)*

# 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Moses (v. 1)

## A. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1a)

MOSES WAS NOT ABLE

GOD IS ABLE

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”*  
(Philippians 1:6)

*“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:24)

*“And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.”*  
(Exodus 3:12)

*“And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. 18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.”*  
(Exodus 3:17–18)

**Quote:** “The ultimate cause of all spiritual depression is unbelief. For if it were not for unbelief even the devil could do nothing. It is because we listen to the devil instead of listening to God that we go down before him and fall before his attacks.”—**Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

## B. Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1b)

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”* (Proverbs 29:18)

BECAUSE OF PAST FAILURE

*“And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? 14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.”*  
(Exodus 2:13–14)

**Quote:** “To dwell on the past simply causes failure in the present. While you are sitting down and bemoaning the past and regretting all the things you have not done, you are crippling yourself and preventing yourself from working in the present.”

—**Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

*“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*  
(*Philippians 3:13-14*)

#### BECAUSE OF LITTLE FAITH

**Quote:** “*They will not believe* really means *I do not believe*. Moses was concerned about his credentials before the Jewish elders.”

—**Warren Wiersbe**

*“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”* (*Romans 8:31*)

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vv. 2-9)

### A. His Power \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-7)

#### THE ROD AND THE SNAKE

*“There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?”* (*John 6:9*)

**Quote:** “This miracle had a meaning which Moses could not mistake. The serpent was probably the Cobra. This was the symbol of royal and divine power on the diadem of every Pharaoh. The conversion of the rod was...a sign, at once a pledge and representation of victory over the king and gods of Egypt!”—**Albert Barnes**

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#### THE LEPROUS HAND

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* (*1 John 1:7*)

**B. His Promise** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8–9)

**3. The** \_\_\_\_\_ **of God** (vv. 11–15)

**Quote:** “Moses completely missed the message of God’s name and God’s miraculous power. ‘I AM’ (3:14) is all that we need in every circumstance of life, and it’s foolish for us to argue, ‘I am not.’”

**A. God Is** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)

*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:27)*

**Quote:** “To look at the window...as I did that first day...to look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is to me impossible.”

—John Glenn

**B. God Is Our** \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)

*“And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: 12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.” (Luke 12:11–12)*

**C. God Is Our** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 12–15)

**MOSES’ PRETENSE**

*“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46)*

**GOD’S PROVISION**

*“And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him.” (Exodus 4:27)*

*“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)*

**CONCLUSION**

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*“And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.” (Exodus 4:31)*



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