

Lord of the Insecure Exodus 3:10-17; 4:1-5, 10-17

Pastor Art Hunt

November 22-23, 2014

Big Picture Truth: When God calls us to a task, He will be great enough for the task He gives.

OBJECTION #1: *“Who am I, that I should . . . bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”*
Exodus 3:11 (New International Version)

- Moses’ objection: His sense of personal inadequacy.
- God’s response: “I will be with you.”

OBJECTION #2: *“. . . When they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”* Exodus 3:13b (NIV)

- Moses’ objection: Not enough information or enough knowledge.
- God’s response: “In every situation, I will be the key active ingredient.”

OBJECTION #3: . . . “*What if they do not believe me or listen to me . . . ?*”
Exodus 4:1 (NIV)

- Moses’ objection: I don’t have authority and, therefore, this mission will be ineffective.
- God’s response: An assurance of His power and authority

OBJECTION #4: . . . “*I have never been eloquent . . .*” Exodus 4:10a (NIV)

- Moses objection: “I lack the talent needed for this calling.”
- God’s response: “As Creator, I will give the needed gifts, or I will provide for your deficiency in another way.”

OBJECTION #5: “*Lord, please send someone else to do it.*” Exodus 4:13 (NirV)

- Moses objection: “I feel overwhelmed by the task and don’t want to obey you.”
- God’s response: Anger

In reply to Moses’ qualms, the Lord, in effect, said to him, ‘But what about me? Are you taking me into account? Where are your eyes fixed?’ The Lord did not take away Moses’ nervousness or impact boldness to him. He did, however, call him to a position of trust. Consequently, the proposed solutions to Moses’ problems involved him resting in the Lord’s presence, bearing simple testimony to the Lord’s revelation of truth about himself, doing what God commanded on the assumption that God himself would produce the results, receiving the Lord’s help to overcome inadequacies, expecting abilities to match needs and trusting the Lord’s promises that help was on its way. God proved himself to be trustworthy in the event; but, in prospect, Moses was called to ‘the obedience of faith’ without seeing any actual change in himself or his situation. We can put it another way. When Moses was faced with his vocation to *bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt*, his reaction was ‘I can’t, therefore I won’t.’ The Lord sought to bring him to the point where he would say instead, ‘I can’t, but HE can, therefore I will.’ That is the obedience of faith . . .”

(From *The Message of Exodus* by J.A. Motyer, p. 61)