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Exodus 4:1-17



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But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” (3:11)



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Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” (3:13)



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Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?” (4:1)



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Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” (4:10)



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And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” (3:12)



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God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” (3:14)



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Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied. (4:2)



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The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” (4:11-12)



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Then the Lord’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well... (4:14a)



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Luke 18:9-14



⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

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¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



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2 Corinthians 12:9



⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.



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