

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

No More Excuses!

Exodus 4:1 *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.*

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.*

According to Webster's dictionary, the word excuse means "to make an apology for, to justify, an expression of regret for failure to do something." How many times have we been guilty of reaching for any excuse to justify or explain the reason we did not accomplish a task? Making excuses can become an extremely bad habit and can therefore become very detrimental to your success with God. This is a habit that must be broken if we are ever going to succeed with God and in life. Many of us have grown so accustomed to making excuses that we don't realize that we are doing it. It has become an acceptable way of life. If we are not careful we will become much better at explaining why we failed rather than seeking ways to ensure success. I have found that God does not accept our excuses. Why should we accept the excuses of others? Ministries, life, businesses will always operate at a level of mediocrity if we continue to allow this disease to spread. We must all be held accountable to a higher standard as children of God.

In the text God has called Moses to deliver the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Once Moses received the instructions the first thing out of his mouth is an excuse. He looked for a way that he would fail rather than a way he would succeed. "They will not believe me," was his response. Moses felt that since they would not believe him, that there would be no reason for him to go. I remember a time when I knew for certain that God had called me to start this church, I felt the same way. I literally told God, "You have Creflo Dollar, Fred Price, Bishop Jakes and all the great teachers and preachers in the body of Christ, they seem to be doing a great job to me and they have it covered. Surely, God you don't need me. Besides, I can't even preach and have never preached a sermon in my life. When I said it, I felt pretty good about myself because that made sense to me. What I had done is the same thing that Moses had done and many of us do today, offer God an excuse. It was my way out. I found out the same way Moses did that God does not accept our excuses. He wants us to Go and succeed in what He has spoken to us.

As I write this exhortation to you today, we are preparing to celebrate our 10 year church anniversary. In that time I have preached many sermons and have led hundreds of souls to Christ. Today I have the privilege to pastor a thriving church, with the best members you can find anywhere on the planet. I am grateful to God that he did not accept my excuse. Moses stopped making excuses and obeyed God and led millions into freedom and has shaped nations and laws with the commandments that he received from the Lord. He did all this because he reached the point in his life where he said, NO MORE EXCUSES. Today find ways to succeed, not excuses to fail or to escape your destiny. Make it a great day.

Blessings and Peace

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