

## ***Lord, I am ready to serve You***

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Greeting to all of you in the name of Jesus. This is a message that the Lord gives us to read and understand, to mediate and to do. The chosen passage is what the prophet Moses has answered God when He was being called for service. We know that God chooses and calls people to serve Him. But sometimes we think or reason out that God calls only those good and fitting people for service. To the contrary God may call anyone, me or you, or any person whatever his or her status. When God called Moses his reply was negative. He asked God to use other person because he saw himself not qualified to do God’s work. God was asking Moses to go back to Egypt and to speak to the Pharaoh because two millions of God’s people were in Egypt under slavery and God wanted to free them and bring them out. God wanted Moses to speak to Pharaoh in His behalf. ***“But Moses said, “Oh, Lord, please send someone else to do it.”*** Why was he refusing to go to Egypt to speak to Pharaoh? Whatever was the reason behind Moses answer may also be the reason why we refuse to serve God.

- 1. Moses’ History:** Let us read the following so we can understand why Moses was reluctant to do God’s work: ***“One day, after Moses had grown up, He went out to where His own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why you are hitting your fellow Hebrew?” The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us?” “Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.” When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.” (Exodus 2:11-12, 15)***

We do think and behave like Moses. Our history and background is sometime shameful that we are hindered by it to do God’s will. But God is not looking on our past. As well, we are all sinners; ***“For all have sin and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we are still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*** In front of God, there is no one righteous- all are sinners. Because righteousness in front of God will not come by doing good deeds or by having good history and reputation but righteousness comes by believing in Christ Jesus. ***“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference.” (Romans 3:22) Jesus said, “For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matthew 9:13)*** Everyone who believes that Jesus died on the cross and confesses that the blood of Jesus was shed for His sin, he is righteous before God. The blood of Jesus is sufficient enough to cover whatever our sins when we come to Him with repentant heart. ***“If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (James 1:9)*** Therefore we should not be amazed if God calls us

or anyone, whoever we are and whatever our history was, for with God there is no difference and there is no favoritism. Instead let us welcome God’s call to serve Him because He has the power to purify us from all unrighteousness.

- 2. Moses’ Age:** Moses was eighty years old when God called Him for service. God may use us at any age. God’s timing is never late or early. There is no age parameter in serving God. In this world we find age limit to be qualified to work and beyond is retirement. But there is no retirement with God. As well God may call someone young in age. When God called Jeremiah to serve Him as a prophet he said, ***“I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.” “But the Lord said to me, do not say, “I am only a child.” You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and I will rescue you.” declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:7-8)*** Hence, whether we are old or young let us be encouraged to serve God. Our age is not a limit for us to obey God’s call because wisdom and strength comes from Him. Even if we are at an old age and have physical limitations, God can use us like Moses and Jeremiah to do a great work for Him once we are willing.
- 3. Moses’ Defect:** He was slow of speech and tongue. Moses said to the Lord, ***“O 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.” (Exodus 4:10)*** But the Lord comforted Moses. ***“The Lord said to Him, “Who gave man His mouth? Who makes him deaf of mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” (Exodus 4:11-12)*** The physical weakness and disability of Moses was his speech but the Lord who created Him had helped Him. In the same way God helps us in our physical weaknesses whatever it is; sight, hearing, speaking, even if we are limping or have loss of one of our body part God will help us and will mold us for His glory. The most important factor that qualifies us to serve God is our willingness and readiness to follow Him and obey His call. In serving God we need His grace that He promised to give us. The Spirit of God will teach us and reminds us everything and by His grace we will be perfected from any disability as He promised, ***“My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)***

***My dear and beloved:*** These are encouraging words for us from the Lord. By the blood of Jesus we are new creations. Our sins are washed away, and our weaknesses are perfected by God’s power. So let us rise up and come out from our former mind and previous thinking. Let us respond to God’s call to serve Him as we agree in prayer:

***“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus. Thank You God for the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross to give me eternal life. Thank You Lord for you great love and faithfulness to me. Here I am, Lord, I am willing to serve You. Help me to be ready to respond to You. I humbly entrust myself unto You for I am nothing without You, my God. Mold me and strengthen my weaknesses and difficulties, I pray, O Lord Jesus. Amen!”***