



I. What is God going to ask me to do this year that I dare not RUN FROM?

He who calls you is faithful, who will also do it. – I Thessalonians 5:24

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13

II. God doesn't want something FROM ME, He wants something FOR ME.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

III. If we are WILLING and AVAILABLE, God will always provide the OPPORTUNITY.

Moses' Call to Lead Israel out of Captivity and his Five Big Excuses (Exodus 3:11-4:14)

1. **Excuse one: WHO AM I?** (3:11)

Moses struggled with his identity. He just didn't feel qualified; he thought that God had picked the wrong leader.

God's response: it doesn't matter who you are. I am with you. (3:12)

2. **Excuse two: WHO ARE YOU?** (3:13)

Moses felt a lack of intimacy. He didn't know God well enough to describe Him to the people and lacked convictions concerning his relationship with God.

God's response: I AM WHO I AM. I AM ever present. I AM everything you need. (3:14)

3. **Excuse three: WHAT IF THEY DON'T LISTEN?** (4:1)

Moses felt intimidated. He worried about the people's reaction to him.

God's response: When I'm finished, they'll listen. (4:2-9)

4. **Excuse four: I'VE NEVER BEEN A GOOD SPEAKER.** (4:10)

Moses worried about his inadequacies. Who would listen to him if he couldn't speak well?

God's response: Guess who made your mouth?

5. **Excuse five: I KNOW YOU CAN FIND SOMEONE ELSE.** (4:13)

Moses felt inferior. He compared himself to others - even his brother - and decided that he came up short.

God's response: OK, I will let Aaron go with you... but I'm still calling you to go. (4:14)

IV. Have the FAITH to know that you know that God is going to use you.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10