

DESPICABLE ME

The Downfall Of A Wrong Identity

Moses Didn't See Himself Clearly

Exodus 3:9 The cries of the people of Israel have reached me, and I have seen how the Egyptians have oppressed them with heavy tasks.

10 Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You will lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

11 "But who am I to appear before Pharaoh?" Moses asked God. "How can you expect me to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God Promises His _____

12 Then God told him, "I will be with you. And this will serve as proof that I have sent you: When you have brought the Israelites out of Egypt, you will return here to worship God at this very mountain."

Moses Lacked Confidence

Exodus 3:13 But Moses protested, "If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they won't believe me. They will ask, 'Which god are you talking about? What is his name?' Then what should I tell them?"

God Gives Us The _____ Of Using His Name

14 God replied, "I AM THE ONE WHO ALWAYS IS. Just tell them, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Moses Was Afraid Of Criticism

Exodus 4:1 But Moses protested again, "Look, they won't believe me! They won't do what I tell them. They'll just say, 'The LORD never appeared to you.'"

God Promises His _____

2 Then the LORD asked him, "What do you have there in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied.

3 "Throw it down on the ground," the LORD told him. So Moses threw it down, and it became a snake! Moses was terrified, so he turned and ran away.

4 Then the LORD told him, "Take hold of its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it became a shepherd's staff again.

5 "Perform this sign, and they will believe you," the LORD told him. "Then they will realize that the LORD, the God of their ancestors - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob - really has appeared to you."

6 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Put your hand inside your robe." Moses did so, and when he took it out again, his hand was white as snow with leprosy.

7 "Now put your hand back into your robe again," the LORD said. Moses did, and when he took it out this time, it was as healthy as the rest of his body.

8 "If they do not believe the first miraculous sign, they will believe the second," the LORD said.

9 "And if they do not believe you even after these two signs, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry ground. When you do, it will turn into blood."

Moses Was Concerned For Himself

Exodus 4:10 But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after you have spoken to me. I'm clumsy with words."

God Has Already _____ Us

11 "Who makes mouths?" the LORD asked him. "Who makes people so they can speak or not speak, hear or not hear, see or not see? Is it not I, the LORD?"

12 Now go, and do as I have told you. I will help you speak well, and I will tell you what to say."

Moses Was Complacent

Exodus 4:13 But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send someone else."

God Is Very _____

14 Then the LORD became angry with Moses. "All right," he said. "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? He is a good speaker. And look! He is on his way to meet you now. And when he sees you, he will be very glad.

15 You will talk to him, giving him the words to say. I will help both of you to speak clearly, and I will tell you what to do.

16 Aaron will be your spokesman to the people, and you will be as God to him, telling him what to say.

17 And be sure to take your shepherd's staff along so you can perform the miraculous signs I have shown you."