



Answering Life's Greatest Call

Exodus 3:10-12 (NIV)

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”¹² And God said, “I will be with you.

The first ring reminds us that God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Exodus 3:13-14 (NIV)

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?”¹⁴ 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.’”

The second ring reminds us that everything we are not, God is!

Exodus 4:1-5 (NIV)

Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you?’”² Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?” “A staff,” he replied.³ The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.” Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.⁴ Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.⁵ “This,” said the Lord, “is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

The third ring reminds us that obedience rooted in faith unleashes the power of God!

- Is your life marked by faith rooted in love?

Exodus 4:6-7 (NIV)

Then the Lord said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.⁷ “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

The fourth ring reminds us that our past has been restored so we can step in God's future for us. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

- In what way is your past keeping you from answering the call? (Exodus 4:8-9)

The fifth ring is a clear reminder that we are not responsible for the results.

Exodus 4:10-12 (NIV)

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.”¹¹ 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?¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

The sixth ring reminds us not to let our excuses keep us from the power of God! (1 Corinthians 1:26-28)

Exodus 4:13-17 (NIV)

But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”¹⁴ Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you.¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him.¹⁷ But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

The seventh ring reminds us that our excuses ultimately bring God's anger