

THE KING'S SPEECH

Exodus 2:23-4:17

Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades
March 6, 2011 ♦ Sunday Morning Worship

Introduction:

The King's Speech runaway favorite last Sunday Night at the Academy Awards.

BEST Picture, BEST Actor, BEST Director, BEST Screenplay.

True story, King George 6th. When brother abdicates. George is in line to assume the throne.

Great Britain desperately needed a leader, deliverer, **STRONG, UNWAVERING VOICE. But he stuttered.**

Crisis of confidence. Didn't believe he could do it. Answers call, finds his voice, boldly leads.

Two kinds of leaders ... **DRIVEN** and **CALLED**. Driven, confident/secure. Called, reluctant/insecure.

Today, true story of man who's called to lead but filled with doubt, lacking confidence, **making excuses** ... called by God but in need of divine confidence.

Please open to Exodus 2:23. Amen preached on this on December 9th. Excellent sermon. Page 41.

Read Ex 2:23-3:4 Backside of desert, mountain of God **HOREB, burning bush** (spontaneous ignite), God calls, Moses replies and God identifies Himself ...

Read 3:5-6 Fear (reverence and awe, at the name YHWH).

Read 3:7-10 God says I'm sending you to Egypt (RIGHT NOW) to deliver my people. Get up and go. I've called you to be my voice, to lead my people.

A. Moses starts making excuses/offers objections ... **RELUCTANT, RESISTANT.**

EXCUSE #1. v. 11 I'm disqualified. Who am I? ... I'm a nobody, a murderer, an exile, a wasting failure.

Most wanted. Not a deal-breaker. "It's a done deal ... you WILL worship on the mountain of God.

EXCUSE #2. v. 13,14 I'm powerless. "I don't have authority." Not about who you are, about who I am.

"I am" ... my name doesn't change,

YHWH ... יהוה Yəhōwāh tetragrammaton. Not written, not spoken. **Adonai. אֲדֹנָי Adōnáy**

G-D. Respect and reverence. Hashem. יהוה HaShem

I've heard cries, going to demonstrate my power. Severance package.

EXCUSE #3. v. 4:1 I'm boring. What if they don't listen? Ill. Ever since my first sermon I've wondered.

Staff/snake ... leprosy trick ... Nile water turns to blood.

EXCUSE #4. v. 4:10 I'm inarticulate. "I stutter". NOT GIFTED. **Who gave man his mouth?** v. 4:11

Not you, I'll be the one doing the talking through you **VENTRILQUIST**. You will be like a marionette.

Lips moving, my words.

EXCUSE #5. v. 4:13 I'm the wrong choice. "Can't you send somebody else" **RESISTANCE ... WHO ME?**

WHY ME? Lord's anger burned. v. 14. I'll send someone with you so you don't have to go alone.

ill. Hallie; a heart to preach God's word to the world.

B. Can't be too hard on him ... Moses response to God is no different than yours or mine.

Like Moses, we have elevated excuse making to an art form, a way of life. Our spiritual gift.

Monday (my day off), Feb 21 Presidents Day (National Holiday), found myself making excuses.

Ill. Yolanda ... President's Day.

- Not my gifting ... more important things to do. Its beneath me.

- Not my calling. "I'm better suited to minister to wealthy movie stars."
- Not my responsibility ... plenty of other people to do it. Andy, Lisa, Susie will do it.

Yet, I prayed we would find her. And we did. Put her shoes on her and tied them. Got her in car.

Maybe you can hear yourself making excuses? I hear you all the time, Some excuses I've heard ...

- Not my gift ... I don't have the gift of mercy or helps, compassion or service. I have the gift of teaching and leading, I have the gift of control.
- I don't have the time, I'm worn out (its my day off and you know God how hard I work for you), I work with people all day every day, some of them very difficult, and I need some time to myself.

"Remember God, even Jesus went into lonely places to pray."

As followers of Jesus, we are called (daily) to do things we don't like to do, aren't gifted to do.

I'd read these verses just that morning.

Luke 14:33 ³³ **In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.**

God calling me to give up my excuses. Get up and do what He was calling me to do.

Disciples don't have options. Giving money, time, giving self. Giving it all, everything. Everything? YES everything ... Even my day off?

STOP making excuses and accept call to be God's voice, to deliver people, to give up your life?

You may feel in over head, ill-equipped, unskilled, insecure ... TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT If God can use a murdering, stuttering, rage-aholic, failure He can use you and me.

Calling us to be servant/leaders ... everyone of us.

Calling us to follow Jesus, die to self so we can live for Him.

Calling to speak and act on behalf of the King, not what we want to say or do, but what He wants.

WHAT IS IT THAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO? Divine confidence.

Conclusion:

Today, on Holy Ground. God present ... not burning bush, written word. Living word ... Church.