

Last One Picked

Week 1 | The Stuttering Spokesman: Moses

■ BOTTOM LINE

God presses into our greatest insecurity and transforms us through His power.

■ GOAL OF THE GROUP

When we don't feel worthy or able to serve God because of our weaknesses, we find that God understands our weaknesses and pulls us close to Him. Just like he did with Moses, God loves to press into our deepest wounds and insecurities only to use them to transform us and give us a new identity.

■ SCRIPTURE

Exodus 4:10-13

Moses had been living as a fugitive from the law for 40 years after killing someone in Egypt, and he was in no hurry to return and face the music. He was wracked with guilt, fear and had developed a speech impediment, yet, God saw something in Moses that no one else saw.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share: Have you ever found yourself in a position you were not looking for? Think about something positive. Perhaps you gained a position of influence or opportunity to mentor an individual. Share with the group.
2. **Read Exodus 4:10-13 and Discuss.** God saw the man that was going to lead an entire nation out of slavery and into freedom. Moses saw his failures and weaknesses as things that disqualified him from serving God, and yet God saw his background and weaknesses as part of Moses' preparation to be one of the greatest leaders in human history.
 - a. What do you consider to be characteristics of a good leader? Does your list align with God's list?
 - b. Moses protests in Exodus 4 several times. Moses being a poor speaker is beside the point because God created the most eloquent mouths who ever lived. Does Moses really think God made a mistake here?
 - c. In verse 11 we see the power of God revealed in the context of an invitation to trust Him. How does this make it easier to work with God when we are called to do something we are insecure about?
 - d. In verses 12-13 Moses declares the real state of his heart. Simply, he would much rather that God send someone else. Do you think his problem is not a lack of ability, but a lack of willingness? Why or why not?
3. Interestingly, God does not correct Moses' speech difficulties. Instead, He worked in and through Moses human impediments. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29.** Why does God want to use our weakness, brokenness, suffering, pain, shame, mistakes, deformities, and disabilities to accomplish powerful things?
4. Throughout history God has used unqualified people to do great things. But this is not God making the best of the "last one's picked," but rather His top choices to change the world! Considering this, what is one weakness that you could begin to see as an opportunity to accomplish powerful things?
5. How much more do we need God to get through times of hurting? Do you think it is coincidence when we are called to step into our deepest insecurity and disability?

God's purpose and plan for our lives does not succeed **in spite of** our disabilities and limitations, His purpose and plan for our lives succeeds **because of** our disabilities and limitations.



TRY THIS

God gives us these promises: **I chose you. I designed you. I have a purpose for you. You are not alone – I am with you.** What purpose and plan does God have for your life? Spend time in prayer each day this week asking God this very question. Listen for Him to speak and write down your thoughts, feelings, nudges, coincidences, images, songs, words from others, etc (these are all ways He can speak to us), in your journal.