

Been There Done That Lesson 5

"I want to tell the parents, stop telling your child they will never be anything. Because you open up a door that will ruin their mind. By doing that, this is what will happen: they start looting, stealing or whatever they can do to make ends meet," she said.

"We need to educate our community more. We need to tell them, 'Look, we can do better than this if we come together.' Stop telling your child they are stupid and that they will not be nothing."

"Argue for your limitations, and sure enough, they're yours."

Inadequate: Lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose.

**It doesn't matter how old you are
- if you are alive
- God wants to use you.**

Exodus 3:1-9

3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

"There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."

Hey God – burn up my past and let's start anew!

**I have a life
I am
perfectly
happy
with.**

**I am so
inadequate
to do what
You are
asking of me.**

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you..."

**I am
completely
inadequate
to handle
this in life.**

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**What if I
don't
know the
answer?**

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

16 Go and gather the elders of Israel together,

'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, "I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt;

17 and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey."

18 Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, let us go three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

19 But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand.

That doesn't sound like a plan I want to be involved with.

It's God's job.

20 So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that he will let you go.

21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.

22 But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

**This is
about Me
working
through
you.**

**God gets
all the
credit.**

**God
works
where we
can't.**

**BUT...
God**

Deuteronomy 31:8

8 And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

What if
they don't
believe me?

Exodus 4:1

1 Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "

What if
they don't
believe me?

It's not our
job to make
people
believe.

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Saving My Assassin

I did. Without realizing it, I was beaming back at him. For the first time in my life, everything made sense. I had spent years searching for the truth, but I had been looking in the wrong places—law school, the government, the justice system. I suddenly realized that truth was something that came not from law books, but from God himself: the Creator of the universe—my Creator, the source of all life, peace, and happiness.

**Public
speaking
is just not
my thing.**

Exodus 4:10

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Exodus 4:11-12

11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?"

12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

Without God
taking the words
and imparting
them to your life
– they are just
words.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6

5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God...

Please send
someone
else.

Exodus 4:2-4

2 Then the LORD asked him, "What is that in your hand?" "A shepherd's staff," Moses replied.

3 "Throw it down on the ground," the LORD told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back.

4 Then the LORD told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand.

God takes what we have that is ordinary and changes it to something extraordinary.

Whatever you have that you think is just ordinary - God can make that very valuable when given to and touched by Him.