

# A Really Great Question

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## Scripture

Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt." But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:7-11

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Do I really want to hear from God?

### Moses' Five Excuses

1. I'm not good enough.
2. I don't have all the answers.
3. People won't believe me.
4. I'm a terrible speaker.
5. I'm not qualified.

## Food for Thought

"Midian is not such a bad place actually. It's a cup of coffee on the deck with a nice book. Do I really want to go on an adventure at 55?" – David Emery

"I would have to say that some of the most amazing things God wants to do in our lives as Christians involve giving Him permission to take us on uncomfortable journeys."

-- Shelene Bryan, *Ridiculous Faith*

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you really want to hear from God? Are you willing to be disturbed?
2. What excuses have you used to say "no" to God?
3. What new and uncomfortable journey might God have in mind for you?
4. How does Moses' story impact the way you think about your faith?

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