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## Remove

to take away; to roll off; to turn off; to carry away, put out

To displace, to cause to change place

v – to go from one place to another

## Obstacle

That which opposes; any thing that stands in the way and hinders progress, either in a physical or moral sense

Taking away things which stand in the way and hinder our progress of serving God.

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Credit & Blame

Attitudes

Excuses

Idleness

Little Sin

Worry Sorry Faith

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## Excuses

A plea offered in extenuation of a fault or irregular department; apology.

Every man has an excuse to offer for his neglect of duty.

The debtor makes excuses for delay of payment.

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## Exodus 4 : 1 – “The Excuse”

“But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice...”

‘hen’ – if

To lay down or state as a proposition or fact that may exist or be true, though not known or believed to be true or to exist; or to imagine or admit to exist, for the sake of argument or illustration

## Exodus 4 : 2 – 9 - “The Response”

Show them signs – prove it.

John 20 : 26 – 31

Romans 1 : 20

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## Exodus 4 : 10 – “The Excuse”

“...I am not eloquent...I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.”

I do not speak well

## Exodus 4 : 11 – 12 - “The Response”

I made your mouth, I will tell you what to say.

Exodus 24 : 12

Matthew 28 : 19 – 20

Romans 10 : 14 – 18

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Exodus 3 : 11; 4 : 13 – “The Excuse”

“Who am I...send...whomever else...”

Can you ask someone else to do it?

Exodus 3 : 12; 4 : 14 – 15 - “The Response”

I will be with you, take Aaron with you.

Genesis 1 : 26 – 27

I Corinthians 3 : 5 – 9

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## Jonah 3 : 10 – 4 : 2 – “The Excuse”

“...was not this what I said...you are a gracious and merciful God...”

I didn't want you to spare them, they do not deserve it.

## Jonah 4 : 4, 9 – 11 - “The Response”

Is it right for you to be angry, can I not show pity?

Matthew 5 : 43 – 48

John 3 : 16

Romans 12 : 20 – 21

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Do you use these excuses?

As a Christian have you said:

There is no reason to talk with people about God, they will not believe me? They will think that I am teaching my own thing and not God's.

I am not a good speaker, I will stumble and babble – therefore I will not talk with people at all.

God can send someone else; I am too busy, or just do not want to. There is always someone else.

They are too sinful to be saved, they won't repent, I don't want to spend eternity with them.

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Do you use these excuses?

As a Sinner have you said:

What I am being taught is not the Word of God, just an opinion.

Acts 17 : 11

The person who tried to teach me was not a very good speaker, therefore I will not listen.

II Timothy 3 : 14 – 17

I'll answer the call some other time, there is always more time.

II Corinthians 6 : 1 – 2

Why would God accept me? He didn't die for me, I am too sinful.

I Timothy 1 : 12 – 15

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Are your excuses an obstacle to your service to God?

The person who taught you said to themselves, they won't believe me, they will think that my teachings are my own opinion. And it stopped them from teaching you.

The person who taught you said to themselves, I am not a good speaker, I will stumble over my words and not say the things that need to be said. And it stopped them from teaching you.

The person who taught you said to themselves, let someone else do it, someone else will answer the call. So they didn't teach you.

The person who taught you said to themselves, that person's sins are too great to be saved or I just don't like them. So they didn't teach you.

Would you be here today?