

# CALLING AND WORSHIP

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As one who oversees the worship services of our church, this pandemic made me question my calling from God. I recall asking Him during the start of the pandemic, "Lord, how can we gather for corporate worship in this setting? Is it even possible?" While reading the book of Exodus, I came across a similar scenario in chapter 4 where Moses doubted his calling to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to worship God in the wilderness.

Let me share some of my insights.

Three (3) reasons we doubt our calling:

We focus too much on **OTHERS**

*Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" (v.1).* Fear of shame and rejection may paralyze us. If we put too much negative thoughts on how people would respond to our actions, we may end up not taking a step of faith at all.

We focus too much on **OURSELVES**

*Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue" (v.10).* Assessing the success rate of any given tasks by looking at our own capacity will yield two results. We become

either overconfident, doing things on our own strength, or insecure, not doing anything at all.

We focus too much on **OBSTACLES**

*But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else" (v.13).* Thinking too much about what 'may happen', will eventually cause unnecessary worries and anxieties on our part. We may end up imagining endless possibilities and will often miss out on God's sure promises.

Moses was overwhelmed by the situation and focused too much on what others might think, on what he lacked, and on what scenario might take place. But despite Moses' hesitations, God never failed to assure him.

Three (3) ways God assures us:

By showing us His **POWER**

*"This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you" (v.5).* Whenever we fail to be strong in the Lord amidst challenging situations, God will allow us to have a glimpse of His power. The key to overcome difficulties in life, is not just to know, but also to SEE and RECOGNIZE God's power!

By reminding us of His **SOVEREIGNTY**

*"Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?" (v.11).* Amidst situations beyond our capacity to control, we must be reminded that God is sovereign. He is in control of all things and the key to be confident amidst impossible tasks is to DEPEND on God's sovereignty!

By assuring us of His **PROVIDENCE**

*"He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him" (v.16).* One of the assurances God gives whenever we are given a difficult task, is providing for us. He will surely bring something or someone we need to continue our calling!

Each of us has a unique calling from God. In whatever context, whether in work, ministry, or family, the primary goal of our calling is worship! Challenges may be inevitable, but let us remember that God will surely accomplish His purposes, no matter how impossible our tasks may seem, all for His honor and glory! ✠