



*WHEN GOD USES YOUR PAST TO  
MEET HIS PURPOSE*

## Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup> 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'

## Romans 8:28 (NASB)

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.



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## **Exodus 2:10-11 (NASB)**

<sup>10</sup> The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

## **Exodus 2:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

## Exodus 2:12-13 (NASB)

<sup>12</sup> So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, "Why are you striking your companion?"

## **Exodus 2:14 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> But he said, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and said, "Surely the matter has become known."



## **Exodus 2:15 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.



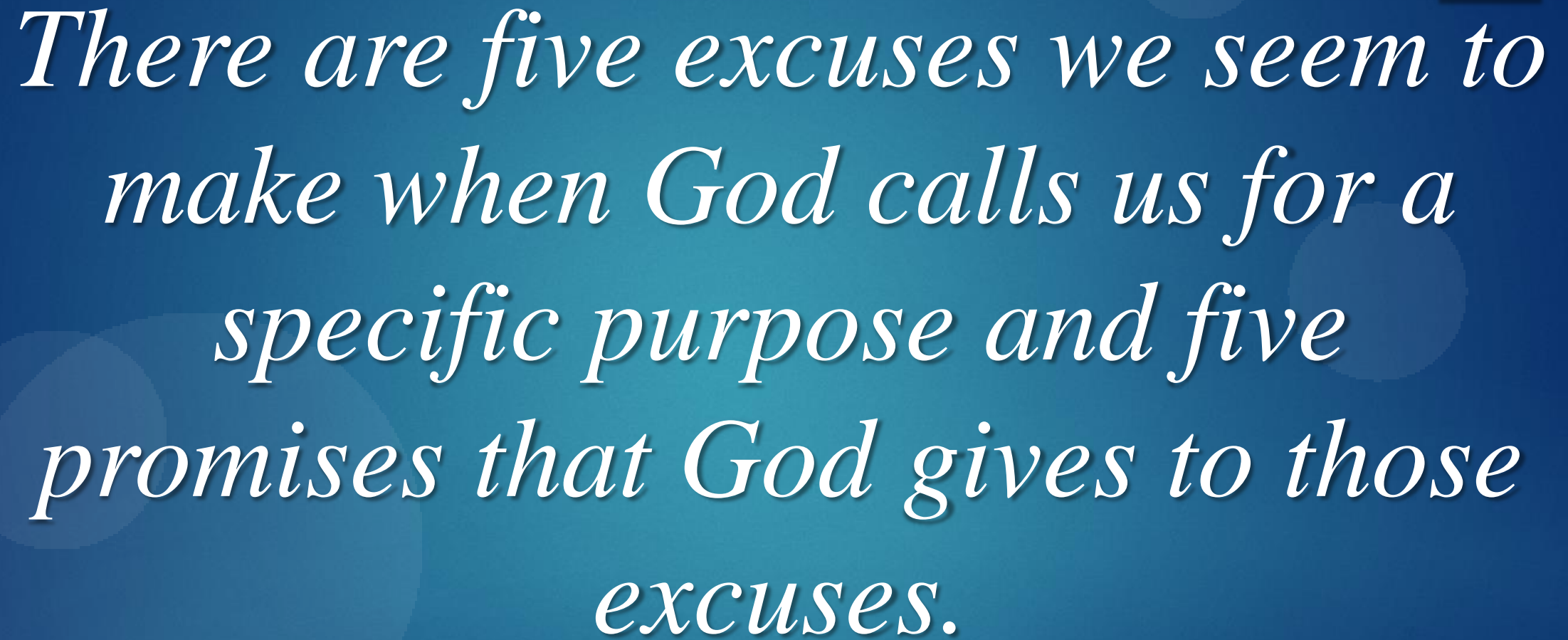
How many people in this sanctuary are currently living in Midian.

- You had it all now you are living in a place where you feel that God has left you.
- You once wore a shirt that displayed Moses, now it displays murder.
- Maybe your shirt displays: A, D, F

A landscape photograph showing a dirt path that splits into two paths leading into a vast, golden field. The sky is filled with dramatic, grey clouds, and the sun is visible on the left side, creating a bright glow. The overall mood is contemplative and suggests a choice between two paths.

Midian  
No Risk,  
No Rewards

Egypt  
Divine Calling,  
Great Sacrifice



*There are five excuses we seem to make when God calls us for a specific purpose and five promises that God gives to those excuses.*

## *Excuse No. 1 "Who Am I"*

### **Exodus 3:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?"

*When God calls we look at what we can do vs. what God can do thru us.*

*Promise No. 1 God will be with us, He will never leave us or forsake us.*

**Exodus 3:12 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup> And He said, "Certainly I will be with you..."

*The issue is not the burning bush, it is the power behind the bush that made it burn.*

## *Excuse No. Two “I Don’t Know Enough”*

### **Exodus 3:13 (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, 'What is His name?' What shall I say to them?"

*Promise No. Two “God will prepare you to meet every circumstance”*

**Exodus 3:14-15 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses.....Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.....'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.'



## *Excuse No. Three "Fear of failure"*

### **Exodus 4:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"

*More dreams die of fear than failure.*

*Promise No. Three “God will provide the miraculous”*

**Exodus 4:2-3 (NASB)**

<sup>2</sup> The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff." <sup>3</sup> Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

## *Excuse No. four “Feelings of insecurity”*

### **Exodus 4:10 (NASB)**

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

*Promise No. four “In our weakness God will make us strong”*

**Exodus 4:11-12 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

<sup>12</sup> "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth....."

## *Excuse No. five "Being Unavailable"*

### **Exodus 4:13-14 (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> But he said, "Please, Lord, now send *the message* by whomever You will."

*Unavailability is the biggest killer in the church: send someone else.*

*Promise No. Five “The promise of assistance”*

**Exodus 4:14 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "Is there not your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he speaks fluently.

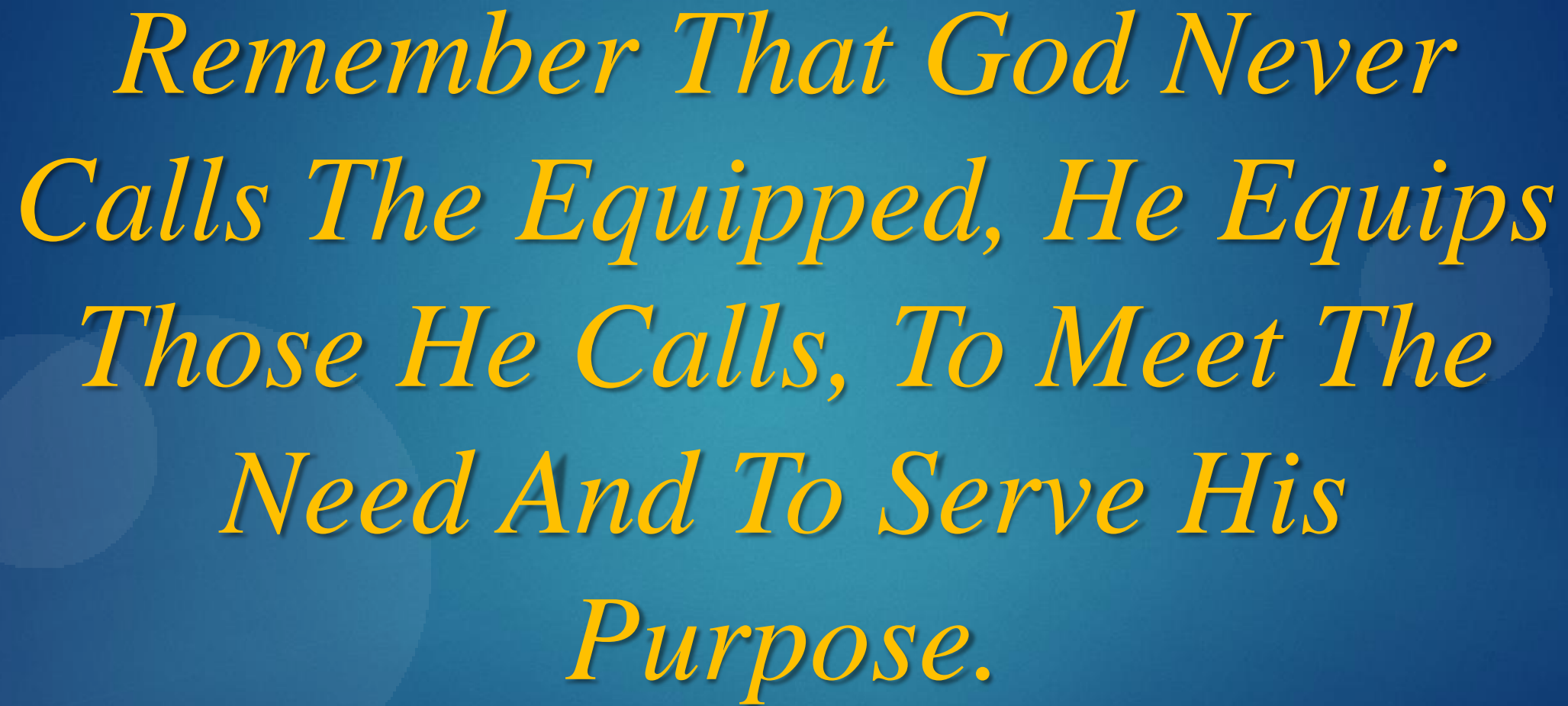
# The five excuse we all use!

1. Who Am I
2. Don't Know Enough
3. Fear of Failure
4. Feelings of Insecurity
5. Being Unavailable

# The five Promises!

1. Never Leave us.
2. Will Meet Our Need In Every Circumstance.
3. Will Provide The Miraculous.
4. In Our Weakness He Will Make Us Strong.
5. Will Supply People To Help.





*Remember That God Never  
Calls The Equipped, He Equips  
Those He Calls, To Meet The  
Need And To Serve His  
Purpose.*