



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

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| Scripture: | Exodus 4 | Title: | Divine Exchange |
| Author | Ps Li Cuixian | | |
| Summary of Chapter | Moses continued his protest on the assignment to deliver the Hebrews from their slavery. He bargained with the Lord and finally the Lord provided Aaron to accompany him on his mission. | | |

Key Verse(s) NLT How does it speak to me?

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| <p><i>11 Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?"</i></p> <p><i>12 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."</i></p> | <p>In verse 1, Moses protested by making others the issue of his assignment. "What if they won't listen to me? What if they...?"</p> <p>In verse 10, at least he was more honest with God, where he recognized that he was the issue. "I am not eloquent and I get tongue-tied."</p> <p>Reflecting on verses 11-12, I am reminded of an incident. When I was a youth pastor, I expected my youths to act immediately when I asked them to do something. I hate it when they dilly dally or tried to give excuses. I remembered bringing a team on a mission trip. During our trip preparation, I had pre-amped them that they should avoid asking too many questions, just do what I do or tell them to do, and to raise questions only during our team debrief. Well, you guess it, there were people who just did not comply. I was irritated and upset with them. I scolded them and they became upset with me. Later, I realized where my problem was. It wasn't them, it was me. And we can see how similar this situation is with Moses' struggle with God. If only I have learned from the way God handled Moses.</p> <p>Throughout chapter 3 & 4, God responded to Moses' protests one after another. In verses 11 & 12, the Lord reasoned and assured Moses. God exchanged Moses' "What if" with God's "Who is", and exchanged Moses' "I am not" with God's "I will".</p> <p>If only I took a few steps back to see from their perspectives, their fears and struggles, I will probably be more understanding and more guiding. If only I tried to put myself into their shoes, I would know how to assure and teach the young people.</p> |
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APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

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| Adult: | What struggle do you need to surrender to God? Take some time to allow the Lord to exchange the struggle with His promises. |
| Youth: | If God would like to exchange His goodness for a struggle of yours, what would that be for you? Why? |
| Child: | What's your immediate response towards a difficult task? If God is in the conversation, what do you think He would say to you? |

PRAYER

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| Praying Scripture: | How wonderful it is to know that our Maker knows us and understands us. Thank you for allowing us to express our fears and struggles to you. Today, we submit our many "What if" and "I cannot..." to you. Whenever you send us on an assignment, You will be with us and You will guide us. You are the God who is so close and personal. |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc) |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc) |
| Salvation Prayer: | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen. |