No More Excuses  
Exodus 3:10-15  
Sermon Outline  
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A. The Challenge (vs. 10):

1. God commands Moses to go to Pharaoh. This command is the new righteous life style that must now dominate how Moses lives.
2. Moses continuously has a specific purpose for going to Egypt and he is guaranteed success.
3. God defines Moses purpose and then commands him, no matter what Pharaoh or the people say or do, he must move God’s people from Egypt to this mountain.

B. The Excuse (vs. 11):

1. Moses speaks with no intent to stop saying what is on his mind.
2. Moses evaluated himself based on how life defined him not based on how God viewed him (Acts 7:22). He is comparing himself with how he views the mighty nation of Israel. God’s plan for success is not a gamble.
3. Moses left Egypt as a warrior and is now a shepherd.
4. Moses does not understand why God would instruct him of all people to continuously be in a state of movement to Pharaoh. God challenges Moses to change his present way of living and make what God is saying his new lifestyle. This is how he can live responsibly before God. Moses most likely will walk to Egypt. It seems as if initially Moses had to leave his family to return to Egypt.
5. Moses tells God that he is not capable of, continuously with no end in sight, move Israel out of Egypt.

C. The Promise (vs. 12):

1. God responded to Moses explaining what He is thinking. God does not intend to stop saying this to Moses because it is a command and Moses is His choice for leadership.
2. God’s commitment to be with Moses is forever. He will never walk alone (Matthew 10:30; 28:20).
3. Now that God promises to be with Moses (Exodus 33:12-16) He expects this promise to influence Moses’ decision and that Moses will now go.
4. God is initiating Moses going to Egypt and will make sure that Moses gets to Egypt successfully.
5. God is sending Moses with a specific mission in mind for a particular purpose that demands constant movement. God is totally comfortable with the mission and the level of success that will be achieved.
6. God is guaranteeing Moses success.

D. God Owns It (vs. 13-15):
1. Moses recognizing his insufficiency expresses a need for God to reveal Himself.
2. Moses expresses to God what he is thinking based on God’s directive and he has no intent to stop saying what he is saying.
3. Moses desires to point out to God a particular issue that demands a particular response.
4. Moses is in a state of unbelief.
5. What Moses is revealing is what he is thinking about the state of his mind. Moses does not plan to change the way he is thinking.
6. It is God who has taken the initiative and has a determined mind to move Israel out of Egypt successfully.
7. The people’s state of mind will cause them to continue saying what they do not intend to stop saying.
8. By what reputation, fame or memory is this God renowned for?
9. What must Moses continuously reveal to them what God is thinking? God is not backing down from what He is telling Moses he will do.
10. God expresses to Moses what He is saying is the way they must always think of His reputation, fame and memory because this name is what will make Him renowned.
11. This name precluded any comparison between the God of the Israelites and the deities of the Egyptians and other nations. It furnished Moses and his people with strong consolation in their affliction, and a powerful support to their confidence in the realization of His purposes of salvation as made known to the fathers.
12. The personal name of Israel’s God, Yahweh (usually rendered LORD, v. 15), is built from the Hebrew verb “to be.”
13. Because of all that would take place on this trip God is going to be endlessly Who He needs to be in order to successfully fulfill what He told Moses to lead the people to do.
14. Because God will do tremendous supernatural acts there is no way they will be able to define Him into one name.
15. God responded to Moses explaining what He is thinking. God does not intend to stop saying this to Moses because this is the direction that God expects Moses to take.
16. What is said to the sons of Israel are God’s thoughts that Moses must never stop saying to them.
18. The one who has all authority and power and sincerely desires to have a relationship with Israel.
19. It is God who has taken the initiative and has a determined mind to move Israel out of Egypt successfully. This is the state of God's mind that will continuously be this way.
20. I AM THAT I AM is a name that will establish God's reputation and fame (Rahab) and create memories of a great and powerful nature.
21. It never changes and remains everlasting.
22. We must trust Him in order to be exposed to His power.