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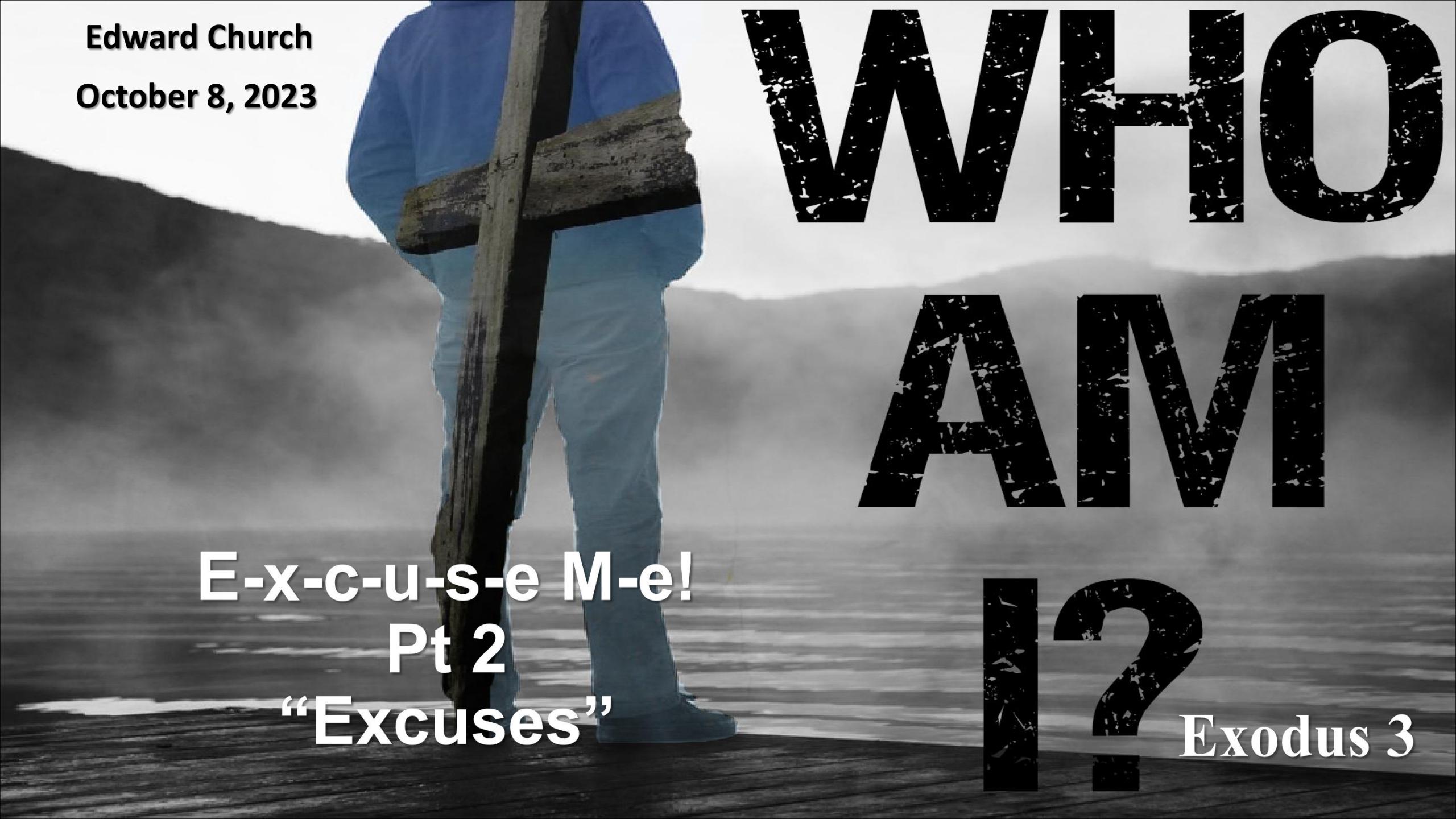
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E-x-c-u-s-e M-e!
Pt 2
“Excuses”

WHO

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Exodus 3

**Now is Not the Time...
...to Lay Low and Stay in the Shadows...**

**Now is the Time...
...for the Church to Rise and Shine...**

We Are ...

- **City on a Hill that Cannot Be Hid**
 - Salt of the World
 - Light of the World
 - Instead

We Have Become a Generation of Excuses

We Have Traded Excellence For...

- Instead of Searching For a Way to Excellence
- We Search for an Excuse to Explain Mediocrity
COVID, Economy, No Time, No Money,
- This Attitude has Crept Into the Church
Remember...

There is a Difference in a Reason and an Excuse

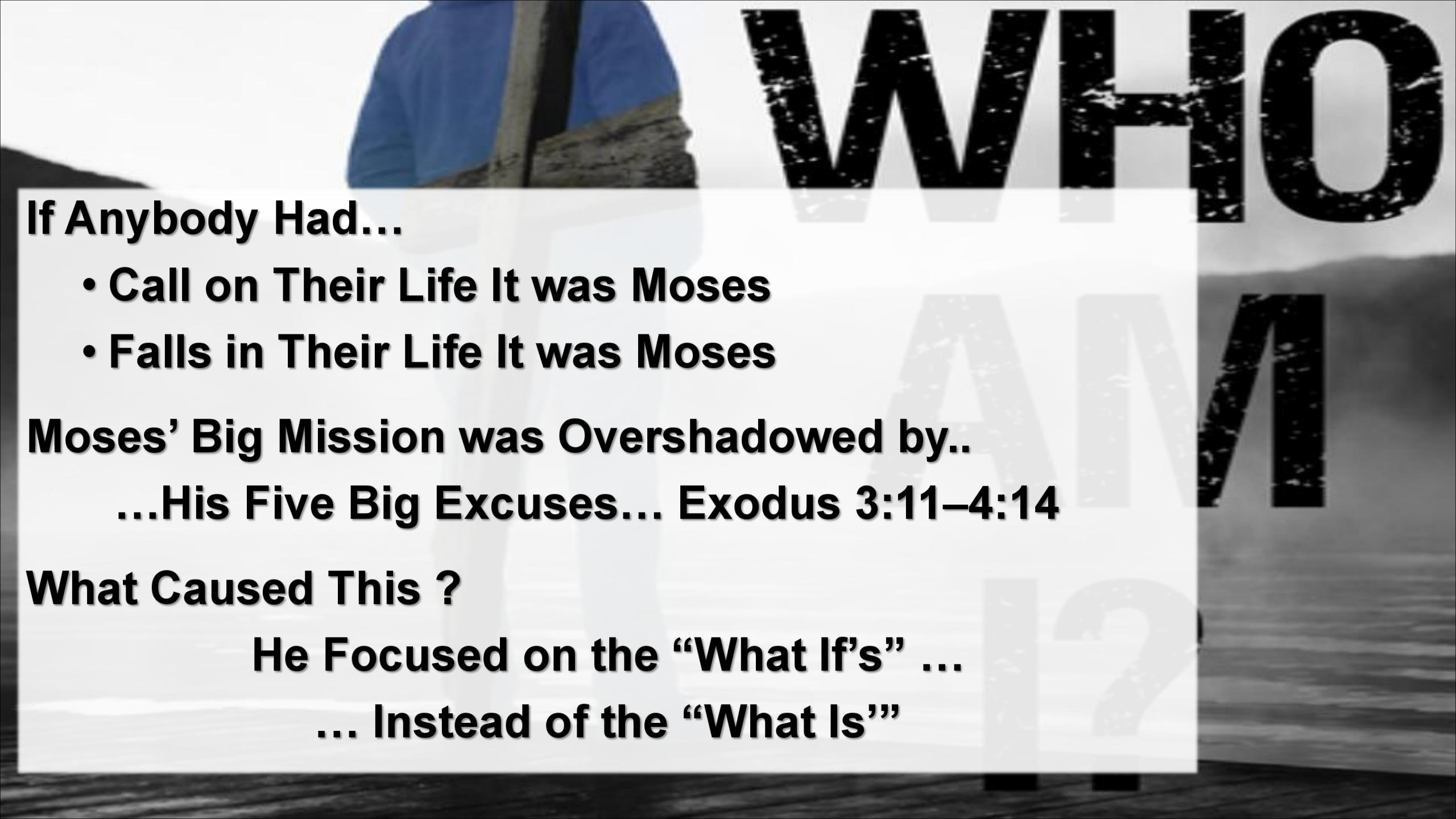
He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else” – Benjamin Franklin

“Excuses are the crutches of the uncommitted.”

A. R. Bernard

“Excuses are merely nails used to build a house of failure.” – A. Lincoln

“Excuses will always be there for you, opportunity won’t.”



WHO

If Anybody Had...

- **Call on Their Life It was Moses**
- **Falls in Their Life It was Moses**

Moses' Big Mission was Overshadowed by..

...His Five Big Excuses... Exodus 3:11–4:14

What Caused This ?

He Focused on the “What If’s” ...

... Instead of the “What Is”

Excuse #1 *“Who Am I?”* **(3:11)**

Moses Struggled with His Identity

- He Just Didn’t Feel Qualified;**
he thought God had picked the wrong man
 - God’s Response:** It doesn’t matter who you are. I Am with you (3:12).

Who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began 2 Tim 1:9

He Didn't Know God Well Enough...

....to describe Him to the people and lacked convictions concerning his relationship with God.

- **God's Response:** *I AM WHO I AM...*

...I AM ever Present

...I AM Everything you Need (3:14).

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, -Deut 7:9

**Excuse #2-
“Who Are
You?” (3:13)**



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2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)

- 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

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 - God's Response: *Guess who made your mouth?* (4:11, 12)

¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live] Eph 2:10 (AMP)

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 - **God's Response:** *OK, I will let Aaron go with you . . .
...but I'm still calling you to go* (4:14)

Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

God Can Use You

The Next Time You Feel Like

GOD Can't Use You, Just Remember...

Noah got drunk,

Abraham was too old,

Jacob was a liar,

Joseph was abused,

Moses was a murderer,

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Gideon was afraid,

Rahab was a prostitute,

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Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses!

God can use you to your full potential.

**Besides you aren't the message,
you are just the messenger!**

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Ask Yourself...
Have I Settled Into
Making Excuses
verses...
Making it Happen?
Has My Default Become
Search for Someone to Blame
Verses
Seek to Take Responsibility?

YOU CAN HAVE
RESULTS

- OR -

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This will Change Your Life ...

...and Effectiveness

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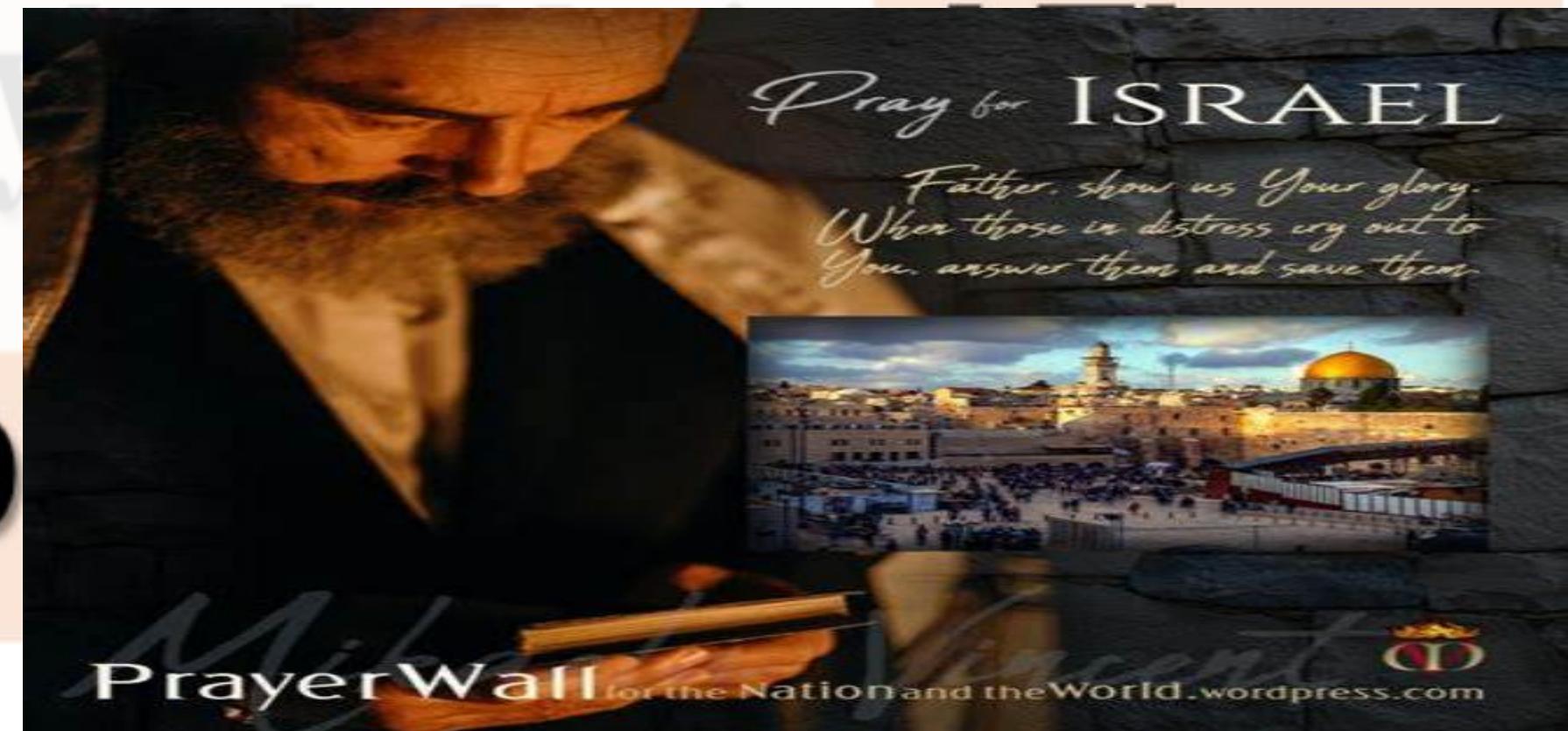
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The World Has Gone Crazy?

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1 O God, do not be silent! Do not be deaf. Do not be quiet, O God.

2 Don't you hear the uproar of your enemies?
 Don't you see that your arrogant enemies are rising up?

3 They devise crafty schemes against your people;
 they conspire against your precious ones.

4 "Come," they say, "let us wipe out Israel as a nation.
 We will destroy the very memory of its existence."

5 Yes, this was their unanimous decision.
 They signed a treaty as allies against you—

6 these Edomites and Ishmaelites;
 Moabites and Hagrites;

7 Gebalites, Ammonites, and Amalekites;
 and people from Philistia and Tyre.

8 Assyria has joined them, too,
 and is allied with the descendants of Lot.

9 Do to them as you did to the Midianites / as you did to Sisera / Jabin at the Kishon River.

10 They were destroyed at Endor/ their decaying corpses fertilized the soil.

11 Let their mighty nobles die as Oreb and Zeeb did.

 Let all their princes die like Zebah and Zalmunna,

12 for they said, “Let us seize for our own use these pasturelands of God!”

13 O my God, scatter them like tumbleweed, like chaff before the wind!

14 As a fire burns a forest and as a flame sets mountains ablaze,

15 chase them with your fierce storm; terrify them with your tempest.

16 Utterly disgrace them until they submit to your name, O LORD.

17 Let them be ashamed and terrified forever.

 Let them die in disgrace.

18 Then they will learn that you alone are called the LORD,

 that you alone are the Most High,

 supreme over all the earth.

A dinner speaker was in such a hurry to get to his engagement that when he arrived and sat down at the head table, he suddenly realized that he had forgotten his false teeth. Turning to the man next to him, he complained, "I forgot my teeth, what am I going to do now!" The man said, "No problem." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of false teeth. "Try these," he said. The speaker tried them on. "Too loose," he said. The man then said, "I have another pair -- try these." The speaker tried them on and responded, "Too tight." The man was not taken back at all. He said, "I have one more pair. Try them."

The speaker said, "They fit perfectly." With that, he ate his meal and gave his speech. After the dinner meeting was over, the speaker went to thank the man who had helped him. "I want to thank you for coming to my aid. Where is your office? I've been looking for a good dentist."

The man replied, "I'm not a dentist. I'm an undertaker."

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