

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a black t-shirt, purple leggings, and a white baseball cap, is captured mid-jump with arms raised in a gesture of joy or triumph. They are positioned in the center of the frame, jumping over a vast, mountainous valley. The valley is filled with green hills and a winding river, with misty mountains in the background under a soft, overcast sky.

You are God's Chosen Leader

The story of Moses teaches us how to
depend on God for his purposes.

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Moses

You are like Moses.

Moses was the leader who brought the Israelites out of slavery.

You, the teacher, are the leader who can bring the students out of their slavery, which is lack of language, lack of knowledge and education, and/or not having salvation through Jesus Christ.

God sees the suffering of his people who are in slavery. See what he says in Exodus 3:78:

Exodus 3:7-8

"I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--

God talks to Moses to tell him he is sending him.

Exodus 3:10

"So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

Moses questions his worthiness to do the job.

Exodus 3:11

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God responds to Moses that it is not about Moses, but instead about God's presence.

Exodus 3:12

And God said, "I will be with you."

Moses argued with God and gave excuses for why he wasn't qualified for the job.

Exodus 4:10

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."

God reminded Moses of his power.

Exodus 4:11-12

The LORD said to him, "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? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Moses tells God to get someone else.

Exodus 4:13

But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

Exodus 4:14-17

Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. 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. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

God was frustrated with Moses for not trusting God's plan to use him as the leader of the Israelites. We should trust God when he tells us to do a job. He will use anyone who is willing to serve him. His power and his purposes will be done because he is the Lord. He is good and he is trustworthy. Set down your fears and say to the Lord, "Here am I! Send me!"

Moses finally accepted this assignment from God to rescue the Israelites, but it was just the beginning of troubles, trials, and the plagues God sent upon the Egyptians.

Moses and Aaron depended on God for every interaction with the Pharaoh and trusted God's timing, even among the most difficult challenges they faced.

Moses, Aaron, and the Spirit of God finally received the information they were freed from Pharaoh, but they then needed to flee their slavery and walk into freedom.

God led them out of slavery by taking the long way instead of a shortcut. The shortcut had temptation along the path. God took them the long way to steer them away from the temptation to go back into slavery.

God's ways are not easy. It is a long road, but the short road takes us back to slavery.

Exodus 13:17

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

They were led by the spirit of God. He was always with them, morning and night.

Exodus 13:21-22

By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

After Pharaoh let them go, he realized it was a bad idea and chased after them.

The slave owner never wants to let the slaves go.

Exodus 14:5

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!"

Pharaoh and his armies chased them down and approached them on their way. The Israelites were afraid and thought they would be killed.

Exodus 4:10-12

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

Moses led them with VISION!

Exodus 14:13-14

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Moses led them in ACTION!

Exodus 14:15-16

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.

Israelites walk into freedom!

Exodus 14:19-23, 30

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:30


That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

Moses led them in WORSHIP!

Exodus 15:1-3

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. "The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name.

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A person is captured mid-jump, falling backwards with arms and legs outstretched in a gesture of joy or freedom. They are wearing a black t-shirt, purple leggings with a starry pattern, and a grey baseball cap. The background is a vast, scenic mountain valley with a winding river, green hillsides, and a hazy sky. The overall mood is one of liberation and faith.

Moses was unqualified, but God still wanted him for the job.

God has already chosen you for to do good works.

He has never doubted you, because it is not dependent on your power. His purposes will be completed because of his presence and his power.

He invites you into his grand story of salvation. He wants you to be the leader who brings along those who are enslaved. He cares about the suffering of his people and he plans to bring them out of slavery and into freedom!

You are best serving God when you are connected with the Spirit of God. He will tell you what to do and when to do it.

"Do not be afraid... The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."
Exodus 14:14

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