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HAPPY SABBATH!





EXCUSES, EXCUSES

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... Lord ?



Keynote Scripture #1- Exodus 3:1-10

Exodus 3:¹ Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Exodus 3:3-4

And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.



Exodus 3:5-6

And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 3:7

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;



Exodus 3:8

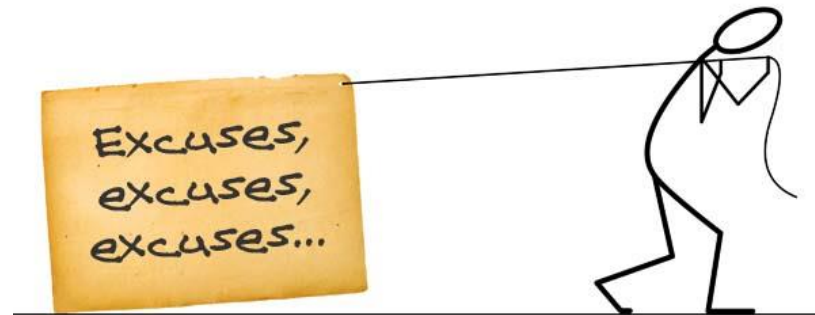
And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exodus 3:9-10

⁹ Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

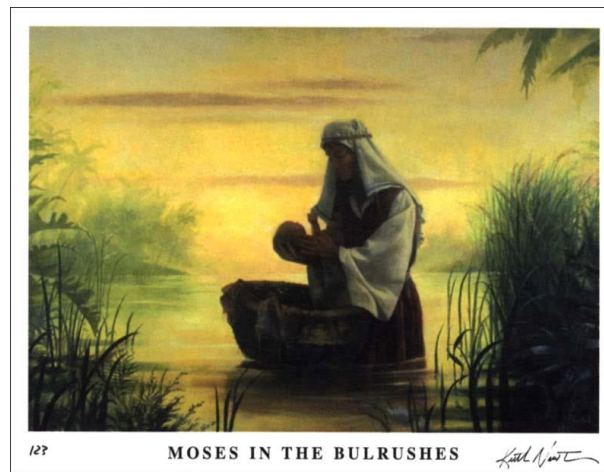
Exodus 3:11

And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?



Exodus 2:10

And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.



Exodus 2:11-12

And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, **he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.**



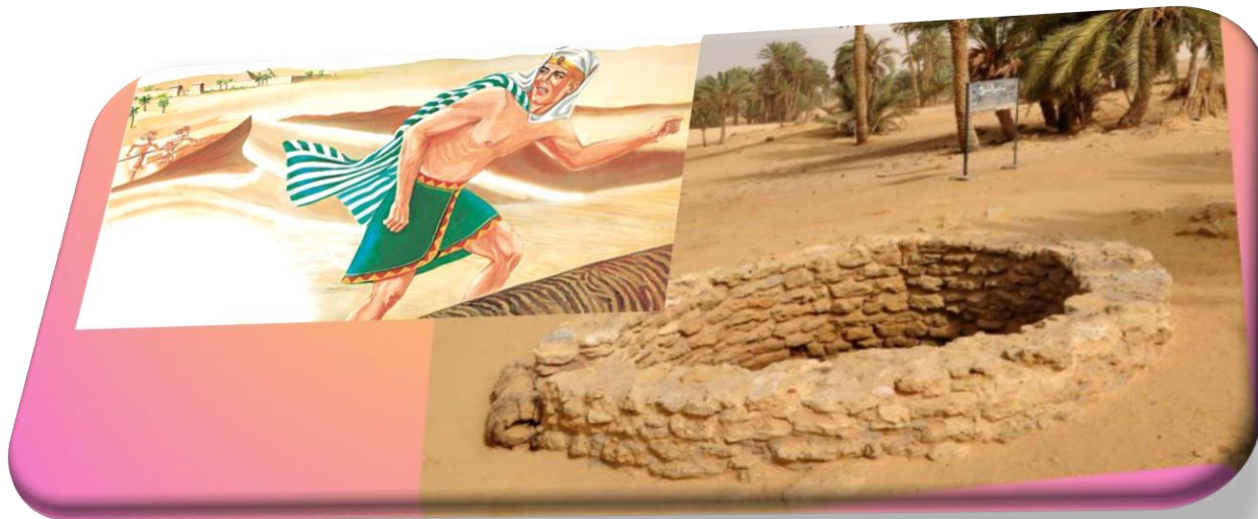
Looking very much like a 'Mafia Hit' ..
Moses leaves the Scene of the Crime.

Exodus 2:13-14

And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Exodus 2:15

Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

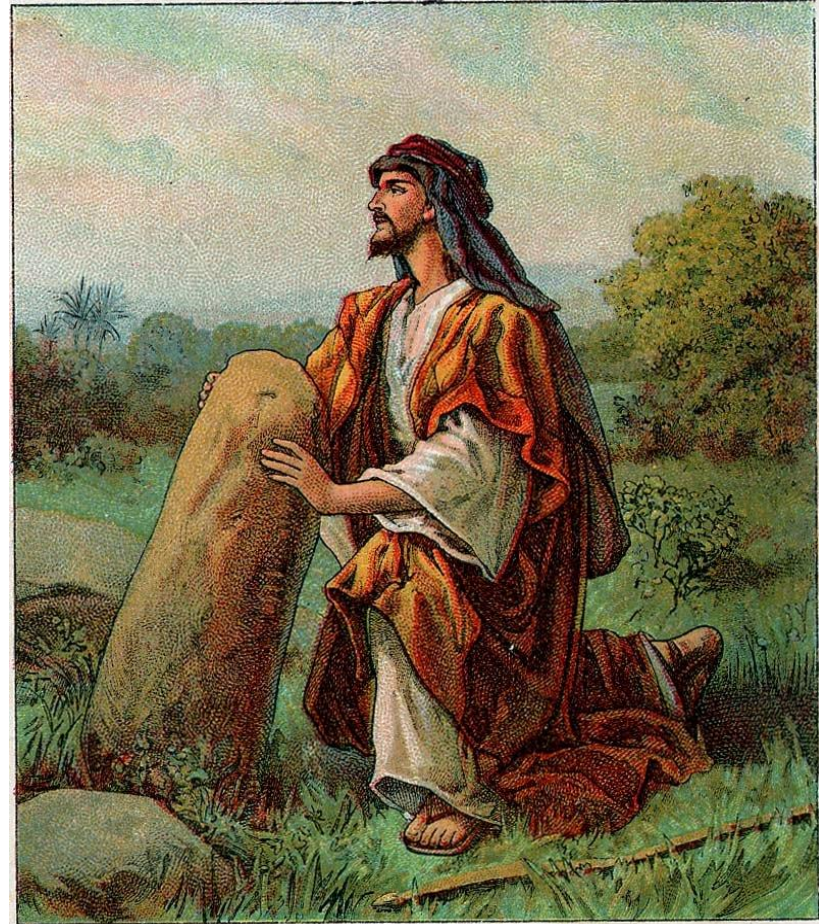


Exodus 3:12

And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee:
When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Genesis 28:15

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.



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JACOB'S VISION AND GOD'S PROMISE

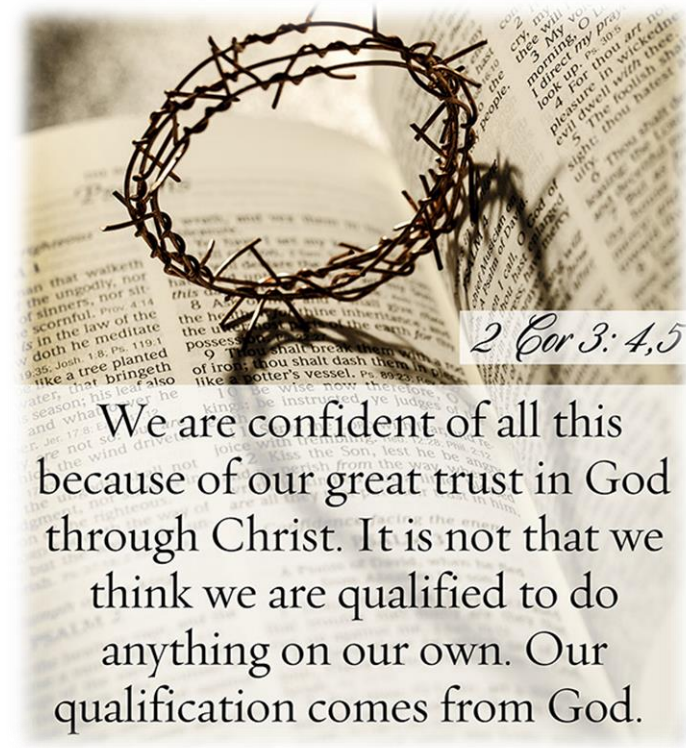
Gen. 28:1-5, 10-22.

GOLDEN TEXT:—Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.

Gen. 28:15.

2 Corinthians 3:4-5

And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;



We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ. It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.

Romans 8:31

**What shall we then
say to these things? If
God be for us, who
can be against us?**



Psalms 118:6

**The LORD is
on my side; I
will not fear:
what can man
do unto me?**



Hebrews 13:5-6

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.



Philippians 4:13

**I can do all things
through Christ which
strengtheneth me.**



Exodus 3:13

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, **What is his name? what shall I say unto them?**



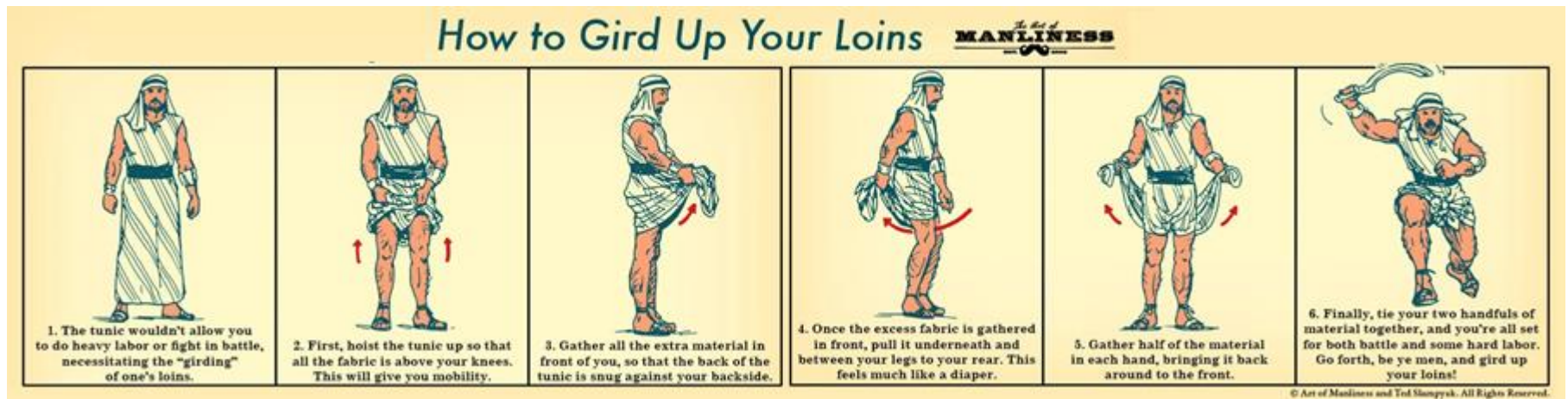


Exodus 3:14-15

Exodus 3:14-15 And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

Jeremiah 1:17

Thou therefore gird up thy loins,
and arise, and speak unto them
all that I command thee: be not
dismayed at their faces, lest I
confound thee before them.



- *Numbers 22:35* And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but **only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak.** So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. ... 38 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? **the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak**

Luke 12:11-12

- And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, **take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.**



Luke 21:14-15

Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

SAINTLY IRRESISTABLE

Mark 16:15-16

And he said unto them, Go you into all the world, and **preach the gospel to every creature**. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be condemned.



Exodus 4:1

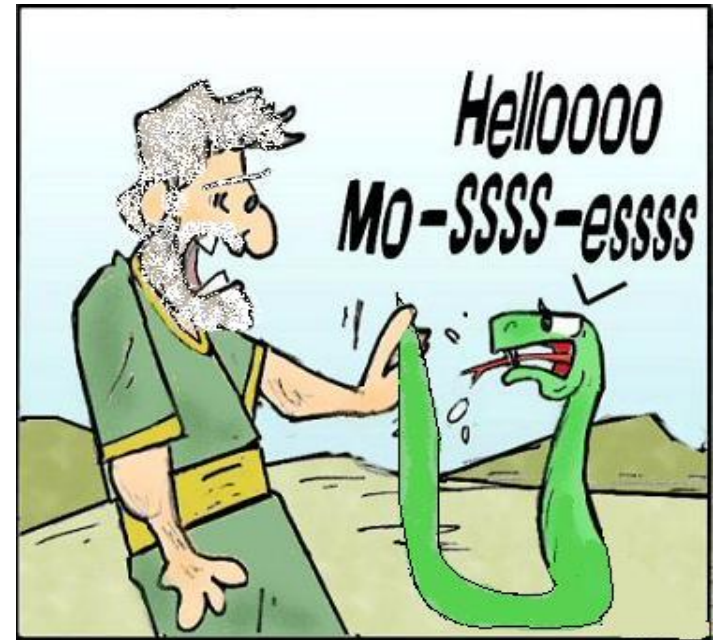
And Moses answered and said,
But, behold, **they will not believe
me, nor hearken unto my voice:**
for they will say, The LORD hath
not appeared unto thee.

excuse (verb)

to exempt from a task or obligation;
to serve as an explanation that
vindicates or justifies an action

Exodus 4:2-4 And the LORD said unto him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:



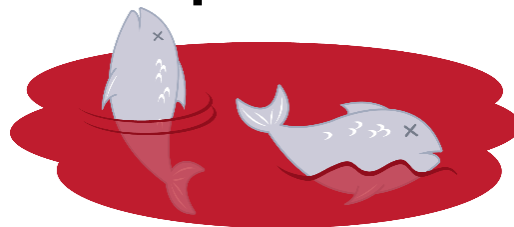
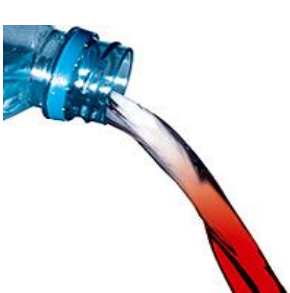
and Moses threw down his stick as God commanded and it became a snake.

Exodus 4:1-3

Exodus 4:6-7 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his *other* flesh.



Exodus 4:8-9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land*: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.



Romans 10:13-14

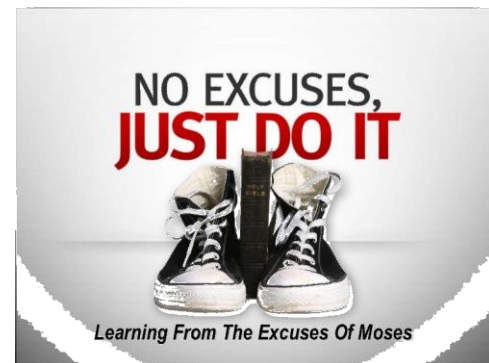
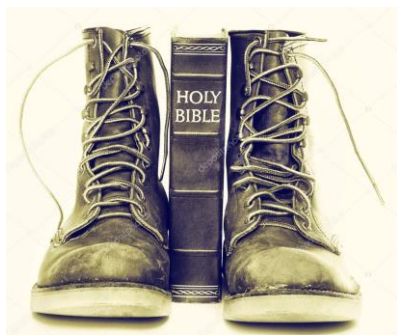
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?



Romans 10:15-17

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that **preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**



Romans 10:19-21

But I say, Did not Israel **know**? First Moses saith, I will **provoke you to jealousy** by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, **I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.** But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

Exodus 4:10

And Moses said unto
the LORD, O my Lord, I
am not eloquent,
neither heretofore, nor
since thou hast spoken
unto thy servant: but I
am slow of speech,
and of a slow tongue.

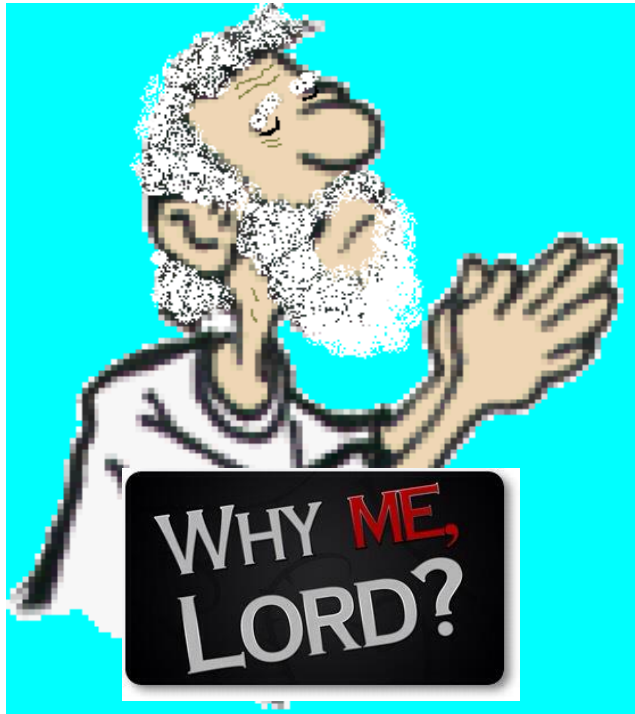


Exodus 4:11-12

And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.



Exodus 4:13



And he said, O my Lord, **send**, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.



Exodus 4:14

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:15-17

And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God. And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Exodus 4:18

And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, **and see whether they be yet alive.** And Jethro said to Moses, **Go in peace.**



Exodus 4:19

And the LORD said
unto Moses in
Midian, Go, return
into Egypt: for all the
men are dead which
sought thy life.



EXCUSES (CHORUS) KINGSMEN

Excuses, excuses,
You'll hear them every day.
And the Devil he'll supply them,
If (from) the church you stay away.
When people come to know the Lord,
The Devil always loses
So to keep them folks away from church,
He offers them excuses.



EXCUSES ...

Luke 9:59-60 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, **Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.**

EXCUSES ...

Luke 9:61-62 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**



EXCUSES ...

Matthew 10:37-39 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

TRIFECTA OF EXCUSES

- Luke 14:16-18(a) Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And **they all with one consent began to make excuse.**



Excuse me!

TRIFECTA OF EXCUSES

Luke 14:18(b)-20

- The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: **I pray thee have me excused.** [cares of this world]
- And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: **I pray thee have me excused.** [deceitfulness of riches]
- And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore **I cannot come.** [pleasures of this life].

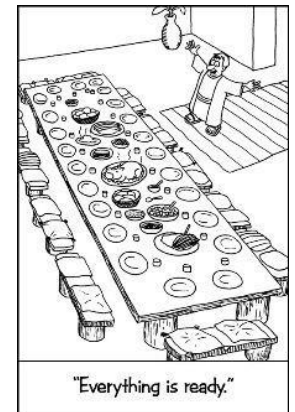
Luke 14:21

- So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.



Luke 14:22-24

And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, **That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.**



Luke 14:25-27

And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.



Jonah 1:1-2

- Now **the word of the LORD** came unto **Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jonah 1:3

- **But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.**



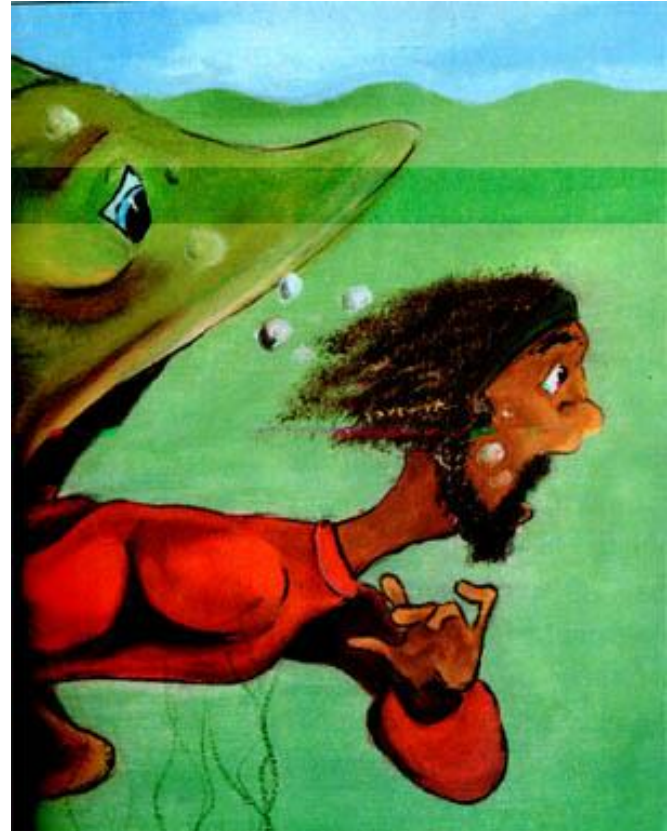
God calls Jonah to travel to Nineveh and preach. Jonah goes with plan B. **Jonah 1:1-3**
BAD PLAN!! *When God says go.. you best be goin'.*

Jonah 1:4 But
the LORD sent
out a great wind
into the sea, and
there was a
mighty tempest
in the sea, so
that the ship
was like to be
broken.



Jonah 1:17

Now the LORD
had prepared a
great fish to
swallow up
Jonah. And
Jonah was in the
belly of the fish
three days and
three nights.



Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed unto the
LORD his God out of the fish's belly,



Jonah 2:10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.



Jonah 3:1-3

- And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

Jonah 3:4

- And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, **Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.**

Jonah 3:5-7

So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

Jonah 3:8-10

But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: **yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?** And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Many may leave the bondage of sin **if** someone **tells them** of the miracle of the water and the blood ...
that flows from Christ – Our Great Deliverer.



Mark 16:15-16

And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** He that believeth and is baptized shall be **saved**; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

WHATS YOUR EXCUSE?

- Do YOU love your sin – enough to reject the Good News?
- Will YOU run from the only cure from certain death (the sting of your sin)?
- Will YOU accept forgiveness from Christ?
- Hear the invitation: All things are ready – Come to the feast!

WHATS YOUR EXCUSE?

- Do YOU love the people – taken captive by their own sin – enough to deliver the Good News?
- Will YOU run from the responsibility that the Lord has blessed you with?
- Will YOU be an ambassador for Christ?
 - Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
 - Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

**HAPPY SABBATH DAY!
KEEP IT HOLY!
KEEP IT WHOLLY!**

THANK YOU!

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EXCUSES, EXCUSES

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**LOVE GOD
+ LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
= SHARE THE GOSPEL!**

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