

# emphasizing evangelism

FROM WHERE COMES THE POWER?

by Robert Hatfield

Moses was looking for a way out. He did not think he was capable of completing the task that God had given him. Who was Moses, that he should be chosen to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage? Why would God choose a man who was not an eloquent speaker (Exo. 4:10)? Why would God choose a man whom the people would not believe (Exo. 4:1)?

In Exodus 3-4 God calls Moses to lead His people. It seems as if Moses tries to offer every reason why he is not able to do that which God has asked. However, that which Moses fails to realize was that all he needs to do is trust in God.

Christians may well relate to Moses in this account because their call is similar to the call that Moses received. Christians help to lead people out of bondage. This is not a physical bondage, but a spiritual bondage — the bondage of sin (1 Pet. 2:9).

Much like Moses, Christians often try to reason their way out of the task of evangelism (helping to lead lost souls from the bondage of sin). Some of their excuses are similar to those which Moses made, such as, "I cannot talk well enough to teach the gospel." Many excuses are regularly offered concerning why certain individuals cannot evangelize, but the truth is this: evangelism is commanded for *all* Christians to do (Mat. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16, 1 Pet. 2:9, etc.)! Like Moses, Christians need to learn to trust in God to give them everything that is needed to carry out His commands.

Excuses concerning evangelism always focus on the individual who does not want to evangelize. **Many do not consider the fact that the power to evangelize and to convert lost souls does not lie within human beings — it lies within the powerful Word of God!** "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" (Rom. 1:16). "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved **it is the power of God**" (1 Cor. 1:18). "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, **but in the power of God**" (2 Cor. 2:5). "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of **the power may be of God**, and not of us" (2 Cor. 4:7). "According as **his divine power hath given unto us all things** that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Pet. 1:3, emp. mine throughout, RH).

Christians must quit making excuses and seek to please the Will of the Father. He never requires more than one can handle.

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