

DATE: 26 FEB 2023 | SPEAKER: ELD. LEE EE YANG | TOPIC: NO MORE EXCUSES
SCRIPTURE: [EXODUS 3:11-4:14](#)

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Reflect on our heart attitudes as we serve Him
2. To keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we serve Him.

SERMON SUMMARY

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 God's response: "I am with you." ([Exodus 3: 11-12](#))
2. **Moses' Excuse #2: "I am Unknowing."**
 God's response: "I AM who I AM." ([Exodus 3: 13-14](#))
3. **Moses' Excuse #3: "I am Unauthorised."**
 God's response: He gave Moses authority.
4. **Moses' Excuse #4: "I am Unable."**
 God gave Moses impartation.
5. **Moses' Excuse #5: "I am Unwilling (Get someone else)."**
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SERMON RECAP

In this sermon, Elder Ee Yang shared about God's responses to Moses' excuses as he struggled to take up the mandate God had for him. God often calls us to things that we cannot do ourselves. It results in God getting the glory and not man. He delights in using ordinary folks to do extraordinary things – and desires for us not to look inward but upward and being reminded of our Sonship in Him.

1. **Moses' Excuse #1: "I am Unworthy."**

God's response: "I am with you." ([Exodus 3: 11-12](#)). We need to remember our identity in order to work in our mandate. God reminded Moses that his identity was found in God and in His presence. Our worth is not based on what we do, but in who God says we are – children of God.

2. **Moses' Excuse #2: "I am Unknowing."**

God's response: "I AM who I AM." ([Exodus 3: 13-14](#)). We can always turn to God when we do not know what to do. He will guide us.

3. **Moses' Excuse #3: "I am Unauthorised."**

God's response: He gave Moses authority. God will grant us the authority we need when He calls us to serve Him.

4. **Moses' Excuse #4: "I am Unable."**

God's response: He gave Moses impartation. Elder Ee yang also reminded us that we do not need to be like another godly individual (eg. Ps Edmund Chan), nor imitate his preaching in order to do God's work. God empowers us as unique vessels and the key thing is to deliver what God has imparted to us.

5. **Moses' Excuse #5: "I am Unwilling (Get someone else)."**

God's response: He gave Moses a teammate. ([Exodus 4:13-14](#)). As God trusts us with His mandate, He desires for us to trust Him through the mandate. Jesus is interceding for us and is with us.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Elder Ee Yang shared on the 5 excuses which Moses had. Is there any you identify with? As a cell, take time to consider the heart attitudes reflected in the excuses we give.**

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and reflect question for members to think about Moses' experience and to consider how we ourselves have had such experiences. During these times, what are the heart attitudes reflected, and to reflect how these are experiences for us to review our perspective of God and ourselves.

Transition

The story of Moses shows us that the struggles he experienced are common today as well. Still, God is constant and faithful and journeys with us through the seasons.

2. **Share with the cell an experience where you encountered God's encouragement and challenge when you had to step out of your comfort zone.**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect question for members to consider. Were there times where members felt that the task ahead was greater than their capabilities? How did they respond and how did they turn to God or other avenues to find support? What encouraged or challenged them and what were the lessons they learnt through the process? Leaders can also ask members to think of verses, quotes or songs that remind them of God's provision for them.

Transition

Serving God is a privilege and a partnership with Him. He desires for us to walk by faith and not by sight

- 3. As a cell, consider what does God want us to grow in (in knowing God, in our relationship with Him) as we learn to step out to obey His mandate. Share with each other.**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question for the cell to consider – what are the reasons God wants us to serve Him in His mandate? What are the driving factors or barriers that result in us not following wholeheartedly? How do we live this out in our everyday lives?

Closing

As we hear the church calling us to journey with God in this mandate, may we resolve in our hearts to listen and obey, to take small steps of action to partner with our Father and Master in seeing His will be done on earth as in Heaven.

PRAYER

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- Pray that we will learn to be a people sensitive to God's mandate and to walk in step with him and trust him
- Pray that we will learn to walk by faith, not by sight.

2. World

- Pray for those affected by the aftermath of the Turkey-Syria earthquake.
- Pray for those affected by the aftermath of the Cyclone Gabrielle in New Zealand.
- A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, if not a reduction in cases in third world nations, and a stable environment where humans and virus coexist.
- Pray for peace especially in areas of conflict (Ukraine) and potential conflict – China & Taiwan.

3. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

1. **SuperLife: A Discipleship@Home Session on Relationship. Sunday, 12 Mar. 9am – 10.40am. Grace Chapel.** In this upcoming Discipleship@Home session, Ps Ben & Ps Dinah will share practical handles for parents to better relate with their children to nurture their emotional and spiritual growth; and how our relationship with our spiritual family matters in our parenthood journey. Registration: rlc.sg/dah12mar.
2. **Missions: Sharing Session with Our Myanmar Mission Partners. Sunday, 5 Mar. 11am – 12.30pm. Rooms 214-215.** Sharing from the ground by Sandi Baratha, National Director of Christian Broadcast Network (CBN) Myanmar, and his team. RSVP by Sat, 4 Mar: rlc.sg/Myanmar.
3. **Joining the Family. Sat, 11 Mar, 10.30am-12.30pm, Faith Chapel.** These sessions will teach about God's heart for the Church and His call for us to identify with a local body of believers. One will discover how to take ownership of RiverLife's mission, vision and values. We will also share with you the application process to become a member of our RiverLife family. Registration Link: rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 5 Mar. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
4. **Workshop: Hearing God's Voice by Rev Pat Owyang.** This workshop seeks to activate the prophetic experience of hearing God's voice in your life, training you to discern His voice and to speak forth what you hear for the benefit of others (1 Corinthians 14:3). Over four sessions, you will be introduced to multi-sensory experiences of interacting with God's voice. As you engage with the activation exercises, you will discover the joy of receiving His words with increasing confidence, clarity and accuracy.

Fri, 17 Mar | 8-10pm Session 1: Introduction to the Prophetic

Sun, 19 Mar | 11am-1pm Session 2: Look to See (Visual Experience)

Fri, 24 Mar | 8-10pm Session 3: Listen to Hear (Acoustic Experience)

Sun, 26 Mar | 11am-1pm Session 4: Sense to Feel (Perceptive Experience)

All sessions will be held in Worship Centre.

5. Church Calendar Highlights

- **Quarter 1**
 - Equipping – “Engaging the Holy Spirit” Workshop: 17 & 19 Mar, 24 & 26 Mar
 - Cells Prayer Night #1: 31 Mar
- **Quarter 2**
 - Easter Evangelistic Services: 8-9 Apr
 - Bible Equipping – Acts: 26 & 28 May, 2 & 4 Jun
 - Children's Camp: 8-10 Jun
 - Youth Camp: 15-18 Jun
 - Cell Revival Nights (Fridays): 2 – 30 Jun
- **Quarter 3**
 - Young Adult Camp: 7-9 Jul
 - 32nd Anniversary Weekend: 26-27 Aug
 - Bible Equipping – Leviticus: 15 & 17, 22 & 24 Sep
 - Cells Prayer Night #2: 29 Sep

- *Quarter 4*
 - Equipping Series: 17 & 19, 24 & 26 Nov
 - Christmas Outreach: Dec
 - Cells Prayer Night #3: 29 Dec
6. **RiverLife Prayer Meetings.**
 - **RLC Prayer Room.** Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Online: rlc.sg/rpr-watch)
 - **Wed Night Prayer Meeting.** Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel.
 7. **RiverLife Kindergarten Recruitment.** RLK is recruiting for the following roles. Link: oileng@riverlifekindergarten.org.sg. Refer to the e-Bulletin for more details.
 - Chinese Teacher
 - Teacher Assistant
 8. **9M Ministry.** The 9M Ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.
 - Receive Prayer Support: rlc.sg/9m
 - Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve
 9. **Global Hunger Fund.** This fund will go towards RLC's mission partners to help their local churches and communities gain access to food amid soaring costs. Refer to the Digital Bulletin for more details.
 10. **RiverLife Cares Opportunities.** Signup: <http://rlc.sg/serve-rlcares>
 11. **Call for SuperLife Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Immediate needs:
 - *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)
 - *Special Needs Chaperone.* (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)
 12. **Technical & Production (TAP) Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at rlc.sg/serve or refer to our digital bulletin for more details.
 13. **Bible Reading Plan.** The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp
 - 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
 - 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
 - Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)
 14. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.

15. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.
16. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is open from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday for children 24 months and below. *NO booking of tickets is required.*
17. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
18. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.
19. **Stay Connected with RLC.** Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.
 - **WhatsApp Broadcast:** Text 'Subscribe' to 8923 1939
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