

PARENT PAGE CHARACTER LESSON 17	SENT BY GOD, RELUCTANT TO GO (MOSES) 	
	Exodus 3:1–12; 6:10–13	2 Corinthians 12:9
BIBLICAL PASSAGE	MEMORY VERSE	

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. **2 Corinthians 12:9**

God's voice was undeniable, but the boy was scared. He was listening to the missionaries give their testimonies at the commissioning service, when he heard God say, "I want you to be willing to follow me anywhere." He found himself wanting to argue with God. He said things like, "God, that's pretty scary. I like living here in America. Don't make me go to someplace like Africa. I can't do this!" But then, he knew he had the ultimate excuse—"God, I'm only 13. I'm too young to make a decision like this. Get back to me in a about 10 years." Just then, a missionary began sharing his testimony, saying, "I was only 13 when God called me to serve Him as a missionary."

What you just read is a true testimony of one who received and accepted God's call at age 13, and never looked back. That day literally changed his life as a teenager, and forever. God had chosen to reveal to him His purposes, giving his life purpose. In his early 20's, he served as a missionary in the Caribbean, and later in Eastern Europe.

Human nature causes us to want to step back and say, "Lord, You do this. I can't." We want to trust in God, but we can't seem to trust in ourselves, or God's ability to work through us.

Read Exodus 3:1–12. Look at the example of Moses. Moses was no normal man. He had grown up in Pharaoh's court, as a prince. Moses, however, knew his own limitations. He saw that he was flawed, while God saw that He would use Moses in spite of his limitations.

God chooses to use people—warts and all. When we think we are flawed, or unworthy, God doesn't see our potential but His ability to work through us. God does not need our excuses. He wants our willingness and obedience. Our teens, just like us, are people God wants to use. We can help them begin to see that God has a plan, making them sensitive and ready to move when He says, "Go."

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

The family shares, responding to the question: **When has God ever said, "I want you to do . . . I want you to go . . . I want you to be . . .?" What did you do?**

Explore . . .

A family member reads Exodus 3:1–12. The family discusses: **What was Moses' reason(s) for not wanting to do what God was calling him to do? Why do you think Moses responded to God in this way? How did God respond to Moses? What does God think about our limitations? What is God looking for in a response to Him?**

Transform . . .

A family member reads: **God can use us in spite of our flaws and limitations. He has a specific purpose in mind whereby He can use our flaws and limitations, bringing glory to Himself. How will we respond to Him when He calls on us?**

Pray together that God would make you sensitive to Him when He calls on you to be obedient. Ask God to increase your level of trust and then have faith, believing that He can and will work His purposes in and through you.

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