

cides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”

#### 5. I don't want to do it

Exodus 4:13, NLT

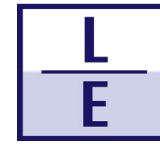
13 But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.”

God's response:

Exodus 4:14

14 Then the Lord became angry with Moses.

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Part 5: The Purpose of Doubt

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Sometimes our story of doubt and uncertainty is the springboard to our story of trust. And the beginning of us understanding our identity and calling.

Doubt

To struggle with one's faith is often the surest signs we actually have one.  
AJ Swoboda, *After Doubt*

# Moses

Exodus 3:7-10 NLT

7 Then the Lord told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. 9 Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. 10 Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”

## 1. I’m not good enough

Exodus 3:11 NLT

But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?”

God’s response:

Exodus 3:12 NLT

God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

## 2. I don’t know what to say

Exodus 3:13,NLT

13 But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”

God’s response:

Exodus 3:13,NLT

14 God replied to Moses, “I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you.” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.

## 3. People will think I am delusional

Exodus 4:1 NLT

4 But Moses protested again, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The Lord never appeared to you?’”

God’s response:

Exodus 3:18 NLT

The elders of Israel will accept your message.

Exodus 4:9 NLT

9 And if they don’t believe you or listen to you even after these two signs, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry ground. When you do, the water from the Nile will turn to blood on the ground.”

## 4. There is something wrong with me.

Exodus 4:10 NLT

10 But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”

God’s response:

Exodus 4:11 NLT

11 Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who de-