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**The Call of Moses**

**Stubborn Reluctance Overcome**

***Exodus 3–4***

**Purpose:** To learn to trust God in the face of seemingly overwhelming obstacles.

The milestones of history are marked by people who have met impossible demands. Battlefield monuments utter mute testimony to these events. Modern Turkey owes its existence to Kemal Ataturk, who rallied his troops with the impossible demand that they drive back the enemy from Gallipoli. Your most impossible demand may seem small in comparison - but not at the time the challenge presented itself. Perhaps it was writing an academic paper without adequate time or expertise. Or maybe it was the time when your church group decided to talk to people on the beach about Jesus Christ. This study shows how God put an impossible demand on Moses and propelled him into national leadership.

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**1.** How do you respond when you see a vacuum in leadership in your community and in your church?

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**2.**  Read Exodus 3. Imagine that you are Moses on the mountain of God. As you look around you, describe everything you see, hear and feel (vss. 1–6).

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**3.** What motivates God to act on behalf of his people (vss. 7–10)?

What plan does he have in mind?

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**4.** Why do you think God chose an aged desert sheepherder to lead such an auspicious venture?

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**5.** How does Moses respond to God's assignment, and why (vss. 11–13)?

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**6.** When have you felt inadequate to do something God wanted you to do?

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**7.** What reassurance does God give Moses (vss. 12–22)?

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**8.** Read Exodus 4. What other doubts and fears does Moses have (vss. 1, 10)?

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**9.** How does God deal with these inadequacies (vss. 2–9,11–12)?

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**10.** Why do you think Moses' final objection angers the Lord (vss. 13–17)?

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**11.** What reasons can you give for Moses' stubbornness in the face of God's call?

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**12.** When you are sure God is speaking to you, and a specific “Yes, Lord” is expected of you, what things influence your answer?

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**13.** How do the events in verses 27–31 confirm the Lord's promises to Moses?

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**14.** What have you learned about God in this study that would encourage you to trust him in the face of seemingly impossible demands or difficulties?