

EXCUSES

Reference: **Exodus 3-4**

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This morning we're going to examine a famous Old Testament character that had more than his share of excuses – Moses.

The New Testament divides Moses existence on earth into three - four decade long segments: Moses spent the first four decades being raised and educated in _____ (**Acts 7:20-28**), Moses spent the second four decade long segment being a shepherd in a _____ land (**Acts 7:29-30a**), and Moses spent the third four decade long segment freeing the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage and bringing them to the border of the _____ (**Acts 7:30b-44**).

Moses first excuse: Moses said I'm not the _____ to do this.

Reference: **Exodus 3:11** (see screen)

God's first response: God said but I will _____ that you are the right person to do this.

Read **verse twelve** (see screen)

Moses second excuse: Moses said I might not have _____.

Read **verse thirteen** (see screen)

God's second response: God said but you have all of Me and _____ (and God does have all the answers).

Read **verses fourteen** and **fifteen** (see screen)

The name "I AM" was spelled with the Hebrew letters (consonants) "_____" called the tetragrammaton. Most theologians now believe that "I AM" or "YHWH" was pronounced "_____".

Moses third excuse: Moses said I might not be _____ to them.

Read **chapter four** and **verse one** (see screen)

God's third response: God said but I can _____ you and your mission.

Read **verses two** through **nine**

Moses fourth excuse: Moses said I don't have the _____.

Read **verse ten** (see screen)

God's fourth response: God said but I can _____ you

Read **verse eleven** (see screen)

Moses fifth excuse: Moses said I'm not as _____ as someone else.

Read **verse thirteen** (see screen)

God's fifth response: God said but I called you and I will send someone _____.

Read **verses fourteen** through **sixteen** (see screen)