

The Necessity of Leadership

The Call to Christian Leadership

I. Introduction

II. The Call to Christian Leadership means you have to say “No” to the world .

- A. Acts 7:22 (NAS) *“Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.”*
- B. Daniel 1:4 (NLT) *“Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,” he said. “Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon.”*
- C. Acts 22:3 (NLT) *Then Paul said, “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, and I was brought up and educated here in Jerusalem under Gamaliel. As his student, I was carefully trained in our Jewish laws and customs.”*
- D. Hebrews 11:24-25 (NLT) *²⁴It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

III. The Call to Christian Leadership means you are first called into a relationship with God .

- A. Exodus 3:1-2 (NLT) *¹One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up.*
- B. Exodus 3:5-6 (NLT) *⁵“Do not come any closer,” the LORD warned. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.*
- C. Heb. 4:16 (NAS) *Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
- D. Exodus 3:7-10 (NLT) *⁷Then 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. ⁸So 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. ⁹Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. ¹⁰Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt.”*
- E. 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?”*
- F. Exodus 3:12a (NLT) *God answered, “I will be with you.”*
- G. Matt. 28:20b (NAS) *“And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*
- H. Exodus 3:13-14 (NLT) *¹³But 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?” ¹⁴God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.”*

- I. Exodus 4:10 (NLT) *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."*
- J. Exodus 4:11-12 (NLT) *¹¹Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?" ¹²Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."*

IV. The Call to Christian Leadership demands a response .

- A. Exodus 4:13-14a (NLT) *¹³But Moses again pleaded, "Lord, please! Send anyone else."
¹⁴Then the LORD became angry with Moses.*

V. Conclusion