

HOW TO MAKE GOD **ANGRY!**

EXODUS 3:1-4:17

Sunday, March 9, 2025 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Bruce Dick

Sermon in a Sentence:

Our inadequacies are **OPPORTUNITIES** for God to **USE** us as he **SENDS** us.

God's **CALL**. (3:1-10)

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19-20 (ESV)

Moses's **EXCUSES** and God's **RESPONSE**... (3:11-4:17)

EXCUSE #1

WHO am I?
I'm a **NOBODY**.

3:11-12



GOD'S RESPONSE:

I WILL BE WITH YOU.

EXCUSE #2

WHO are you?
What's in a **NAME**?

3:13-22



GOD'S RESPONSE:

I AM WHO I AM

EXCUSE #3

They won't **BELIEVE** me or **LISTEN** to me.

4:1-9



GOD'S RESPONSE:

THREE DEMONSTRATIONS

EXCUSE #4

I'm not good with **WORDS**.

4:10-11



GOD'S RESPONSE:

I WILL BE YOUR MOUTH!

EXCUSE #5

Send **SOMEONE** else. Not me.

4:12-17



GOD'S RESPONSE:

ANGER!
& I'LL USE YOUR BROTHER

What's our excuse? **What will we do?**



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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

If you could pick one everyday task—like making coffee, driving to work, or walking the dog—where you'd love to hear God's voice giving you a little nudge or direction, which would it be and why?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. **Read Exodus 3:1-4:17.** Then review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? *Discuss it with your group before moving on.*
2. In **Exodus 3:10**, God calls Moses to go to Pharaoh and deliver His people, despite Moses' past failures and current circumstances. In the message, Bruce connected this to the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**), where we are sent to make disciples. What does it mean to you personally to be "sent" by God into your everyday life?
 - How can you shift your focus from your own limitations to trusting God's purpose and presence when he calls you? Get practical. What are some tangible things you could do this week?
3. Moses' first excuse in **Exodus 3:11** is "*Who am I?*"—feeling inadequate and like a "nobody." God responds in verse 12, "*I will be with you,*" — his presence would overcome any of Moses's lack of ability. Reflect on a time when you felt unqualified or hesitant to step into an opportunity God placed before you—if you're willing, share it with your group.
 - How does God's promise to be with you (see also **Joshua 1:9** and **Matt. 28:20**) encourage you to move forward despite your inadequacies?
4. Moses' second excuse in **Exodus 3:13** betrayed some of his uncertainty about God's identity after years of silence. God answers with "I AM WHO I AM" (v. 14), revealing his eternal, unchanging nature. He had always been

WELCOME TO WAWASEE!

This is who we hope you grow to *become* at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

- 1 | **Receiving From God.** Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
- 2 | **Responding To God.** How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
- 3 | **Receiving From Others.** Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
- 4 | **Moving Toward Others.** How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
- 5 | **Going to those Far from God.** How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: John 20:19-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹⁹ On the **evening** of that day, the **first** day of the **week**, the **doors being locked** where the

disciples were for fear	P	D	O	O	R	S	H	O	W	E	D
of the Jews , Jesus	V	T	S	I	D	E	I	N	G	M	I
came and stood	U	D	P	C	N	N	H	C	L	S	S
among them and said	R	F	E	A	R	T	E	E	A	T	C
to them, " Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had	J	I	W	M	H	L	O	R	D	H	I
said this, he showed	E	B	P	E	A	C	E	L	M	E	P
them his hands and his	W	E	V	E	N	F	A	O	J	N	L
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disciples were glad	N	F	I	R	S	T	A	K	S	E	S
when they saw the	P	A	W	T	L	H	I	E	A	I	O
Lord . ²¹ Jesus said to	J	E	S	U	S	E	N	D	I	N	G
them again , " Peace be	T	W	E	E	K	R	N	U	D	G	P
with you. As the Father											
has sent me, even so I											
am sending you."											

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present. How do you respond when you're unsure if it's really God prompting you to act or speak?

- **Look up Hebrews 13:8 and Malachi 3:6.** How do these verses about God's unchanging character strengthen your trust in him as you're sent to represent him? What about when you combine that with his promise to be with you in Question 3?
5. In **Exodus 4:1**, Moses fears no one (especially Pharaoh) will believe or listen to him. God responds with signs of his power (v. 2-9), showing he can overcome.. Bruce noted that we often fear hostility or skepticism when sharing our faith. How can you rely on the Holy Spirit's power (Acts 1:8) to overcome this fear in your own life?
 - Get practical again. What's one tangible step you could take this week to share Christ's love, trusting God to work through you?
 - *You might begin by praying, asking God, "What are you doing already in this person's life, and how can you use me to be a part of that?"*
 6. Moses' fourth excuse in **Exodus 4:10** is that he's not eloquent and struggles with speech. God counters in verses 11-12, "*I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.*" Compare this to Paul's request for boldness in **Ephesians 6:19-20**. How does knowing that God equips us with words at the right time change your approach to conversations about faith?
 - **Luke 12:11-12** is a little different context than gospel conversations with your friends, but what hope does it give you for those moments?
 - What's one situation where you can trust God to speak through you?

Taking it Home & Prayer

7. Moses's final plea, "*Send someone else*" (**Exodus 4:13**), angers God (v. 14). Our inadequacies are real, but they're also opportunities for God, so refusal to trust him crosses a line. How do you tell genuine struggles from resistance to God's call? — Compare **Isaiah 6:5-8** (willingness) and **Jonah 1:1-3** (refusal). What do these teach about trusting God and saying "yes"?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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