

You Can't

Say...



We tell God 'We can't' not  
because we're afraid of embracing  
something new,

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but because we're afraid of letting  
something go.



**Exodus 3: 7** The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. **8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians** and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

**Exodus 3: 9** And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. **10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”**



You can't say 'I Can't'...

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**when God calls you to a work.**



**Exodus 3:** 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 And God said, “I will be with you...”

**Exodus 3: 13** Moses said to God, “**Suppose** I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

**14** God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

**Exodus 4:** Moses answered, “**What if** they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?”

2 Then the Lord said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

“A staff,” he replied.

Typically, as a Christian, if you  
are scared to do something,  
that's the thing God is calling  
you to do.

**Exodus 4: 2** Then the Lord said to him, “**What is that in your hand?**”

“A staff,” he replied.

**3** The Lord said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

If God has called you to do  
something,

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He believes you are uniquely  
qualified to do it.

**Acts 7: 22** Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was **powerful in speech** and action.







People feel sorry for me, look down on me and wonder what life must be like without arms and legs. But what they don't realize is that it's the only life I know.

I was drawn to the game because the X's and O's, the back-and-forth chess match where one sideline tries to outsmart the other. That's why I loved it so much.

**-Rob Mendez**

The first step toward doing the  
work God has called you to do,

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is to check what's in your hand  
(vv. 2)



**Exodus 4:** 4 Then the Lord said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. 5 “This,” said the Lord, “is **so that they may believe** that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

The work God calls us to  
benefits the served  
and the servant.

**Exodus 4:** 11 The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 **Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”**

Moses wasn't questioning his own  
ability

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as much as he was questioning  
God's.

Often, when we tell God 'We  
can't',  
we really mean 'We won't'.





**The Most Common Areas  
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give

**Malachi 3: 6** “I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. **Return to me, and I will return to you,**” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, **‘How are we to return?’**”

**Malachi 3: 8** “Will a mere mortal **rob God**? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘**How are we robbing you?**’

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# The Most Common Areas Christians say, “I Can’t”

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for**give**



**Luke 17: 3** “If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.  
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5 The apostles said to the Lord, **“Increase our faith!”**

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**give in**  
(to the Holy Spirit)

**Philippians 4: 13** I can do all things [which He has called me to do] **through Him who strengthens and empowers me** [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.] **(AMP)**

**Ephesians 3:** 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with **power through his Spirit** in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.



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