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Sometimes when God calls us to take a step of faith, our own fear, insecurity, or weakness tells us we can't do it. Through Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush, we see a familiar pattern: God calls, Moses objects, and God patiently answers. Moses worries about his identity, credibility, speaking ability, and capacity. Yet God doesn't remove the call; he promises his help and ability instead. This week's message reminds us that when we focus only on what we lack, we risk missing the call of God and the opportunity to grow. But when we trust God enough to obey, even reluctantly, we get to experience his glory up close.

Scripture: [Exodus 3:9-14 NLT](#) // [Exodus 4:1, 10-13 NLT](#) // [2 Corinthians 12:8-9 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Your weakness is a stage for God's glory.

Digging In:

1. Can you think of a time when you said yes to something and then quickly wondered, "What have I gotten myself into?!" What happened?
2. Which situations tend to make you feel most inadequate: work, relationships, parenting, leadership, finances, faith, something else? And what's your typical response: try harder, avoid the situation, compare yourself to others, ask for help, or something else?
3. Read Exodus 3:9-14 and 4:1, 10-13 together as a group. What do you notice about Moses' response to God's call on his life? What are some of his objections? Which do you relate to most—and why?
4. Moses keeps saying, "I am not..." What's the "I am not..." statement you most often tell yourself? How might focusing too much on your own limitations cause you to miss something God is inviting you into?
5. Moses essentially asks two questions: "Who am I?" and "Who are you?" Why do you suppose God spends less time answering the first question and more time revealing his presence, provision, and power? What does this indicate?
6. Luke asked, "When the voice of God and the voice of fear collide, whose voice will you trust and follow?" Where are those two voices competing in your life right now?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-9. Why do you think God sometimes chooses to work through our weaknesses rather than simply remove them?
8. Paul claims that God's power "works best in weakness." Agree or disagree? Have you seen God use your (or someone else's) struggle or limitation in a powerful way? How so?

9. What's something you sense God may be asking you to do that you've been avoiding because you don't feel ready, qualified, or capable?
10. Luke urged us to replace our "I am not..." with God's "I AM." What would it look like for you to confront your inadequacy and instead commit to God's sufficiency? What would change in your life if you stopped asking, "Am I able?" and started asking, "Is God able?"

Moving Forward:

This week, pay attention to the "I am not..." statements running through your mind. Instead of allowing them to end the conversation, turn them into an opportunity to remember who God is. Identify something you've been avoiding because you feel inadequate, afraid, unqualified, or unsure and take one concrete step of obedience. You don't need to know how everything will work out—you simply need enough faith to do what's right in front of you and trust God to provide what you lack. Before taking the step, pray through this sentence, based on God's promise to Moses in Exodus 4:11-12: *I will help you _____ and will teach you _____.*

Prayer Prompt:

Invite everyone to hold their hands open and silently finish this sentence:

God, I feel inadequate when it comes to _____.

After a moment, invite them to silently pray:

But I trust that you will be with me and give me what I need.

Close together:

God, help us to hear your voice louder than our fear. Where we're weak, teach us to depend on your strength. Give us courage to say yes to whatever you're asking of us, trusting that our weakness can become a stage for your glory. Amen.