

THREE SPECS THAT BLUR SERVICE

EXODUS 4:1-18

- Intro:
1. How many of you wear spectacles to help you see?
 2. And, when you get specs on your specs, you wipe them clean to drive and read and go forward in any project.
 3. Moses had some specs on his spiritual glasses that hindered him from following the Lord's way by faith. As he began making excuses in Exodus 4, God conveyed what our drama teacher told us in high school, "An excuse is the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie." God wanted Moses to testify, and Moses must eliminate a few specs first...

Prop: **You Should Testify for God!**

I. By Eliminating SPECulation (4:1-18).

1. vv.2-3, "rod" = Moses every equipment for herding sheep; the tool of his calling—as he was with what he had.
v.6, "hand" = symbol of what we do
v.6, "heart" = symbol of who we are → both purified by God
2. God can and will use each one of us as He has made us.
3. Matt. 28:18-20, notice the "Go ye" is present/active form, "as you are going..." → as a carpenter, receptionist, Mom, Dad...make disciples.
4. If we speculated long enough about any difficult issue in life, we'd back out—pending surgery, what people might do if we do this or that.
5. Dear fellow-servants of the Lord, let us serve God and leave the results to Him today. Quit speculating and start serving.

II. By Minimizing SPECialization (4:10-12)

1. v.12, "speech" = thinking of words
v.12, "tongue" = talking/saying the words
2. The effectiveness of our ministry for the Lord is in speaking His word, not in our manner of speaking or even eloquence.
3. Moses told God, "I don't know what to say and cannot say things well."
We are assured that we can leave the "specialization" to God and let His Spirit do His job in us, John 16:12-15.
4. God is not looking for professional teachers, highly trained orators and calling us to service because of what we achieve, but rather what he can achieve through us.
5. Friend, it's time to let God specialize and you serve by faith.

III. By Stopping SPECifications (4:13-18)

1. v.13, "whom" = another – a partner is demanded by Moses
v.14, "anger" = nostril, face; nose—God's expression changes
2. It is presumptuous to pray to God giving Him specifications for the answer.
3. I sure wouldn't be qualified to rework the specifications an architect's blueprints for a building plan or a tamper with the specs on a critical piece of equipment at the garment factory that I'm simply not qualified to design or maintain.
4. Folks, let us stop specifying to God how He should run our lives or anything else in this world, and just serve by faith.

When we eliminate the SPECS of Speculation, Specialization and Specification from our service, we can see much more clearly what God wants us to do and how we should do it.

**Men and Women are SAVED by Faith through God's Grace.
Ephesians 2:8-9
We also Serve God by Faith as well—that God has a plan.
Ephesians 2:10**