Conquering My Insecurity

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Insecurity is:

What brings out my insecurity?

• I see the gap in my credibility.

"Who am_I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Exodus 3:11 (NIV)

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?" Exodus 4:1 (NIV)

• I see the gap in my *certainty*.

"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?" Exodus 3:13 (NIV)

• I see the gap in my *capability*.

Moses said to the LORD, "... I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 4:10 (NIV)

"... Please send someone else." Exodus 4:13 (NIV)

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

I will conquer my insecurity...

1. When I move closer to God.

Insecurity is:

The gap between who I think I am and who God thinks I am.

Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" and Moses said, "Here I am." **Exodus 3:2-4 (NIV)**

2. When I trust God's capability over my own.

God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. Exodus 3:5-6 (NIV)

• I tap into God's *capability* through my obedience.

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. 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."

Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow. ⁷ "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. ⁸ Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. **Exodus 4:6-8 (NIV)**

3. When I rely on God's help.

• God will help me personally.

I have never been eloquent ... 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."

Exodus 14:10, 11-12 (NIV)

• God will help me *through people*.

Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? <u>I know he can speak well</u>. He is already on his way to meet you... I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. **Exodus 4:14-15- (NIV)**