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The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

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Moses

Exodus 2-4, Hebrews 11:23-29, Proverbs 3:5-6, Luke 9:23, Psalm 56:3-4, 1 Peter 5:7

Moses' Excuses

1. Why _____? (3:11)
2. Who do I say _____ me? (3:13)
3. What if they don't _____ me? (4:1)
4. I'm not a _____ speaker. (4:10)
5. Please send _____ else. (4:13)

Surrender or Control - Questions to ask

1. What is God _____ of me?
2. What am I _____ of?
3. Is it _____ to control?
4. Is it for God _____ to control?

**What are you trying to control?
What do you need to surrender?**

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~ A.W. Tozer

Sermon Talks:

1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. If you could have full control over something, what would it be? What would you do with that control?
3. What control battles, at home or at work, do you face on a regular basis? Some examples might be money, household chores, who drives, tv remote, decision making, etc.
4. God used a burning bush to introduce Moses to His plan for him.
 - Why this setting?
 - Why do you think God chose Moses?
 - How would you have reacted if you were Moses?
5. Of Moses' five excuses, which one resonates most with you? Why?
6. What are you trying to control? What do you need to surrender to God?
 - Write these things down so they are visible to you.
 - Ask someone who knows you well to share some of these things they are seeing from their perspective. Give them permission to speak freely.

Pray about it:

- Excuses lead to control, not surrender.
- Pray and ask God to reveal excuses that you are using to prevent you from following Jesus or growing closer to Him.
- Ask God to help you fully surrender to Him by loosening the grip on things that you are holding too tightly.

Consider praying this prayer or one like it:

Lord Jesus, I have been trying to run my life like I know better than you. Forgive me Lord. Holy Spirit, I need more of you. Please loosen my grip on the things that I want control over. Lord Jesus, I surrender my family, finances, and work to you. I want you to have all of me. Amen.