

I CAN - PART 2

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE Exodus 3:7-11, 4:1-10

> ADDITIONAL STUDY Numbers 13:31-33 Philippians 4:13 I John 4:4

CONFESSION

Pray that you will overcome every hesitation and the voices in your head that say 'Don't dare,' in your quest to follow God and to explore the seeds of greatness in you.

Pray also that you will come to a place of complete reliance on what God has done through the cross of Christ.

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But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" – **Exodus 3:11**

We left off yesterday with the thought that many people believe God can do great things, but aren't sure He will do it through them. God has to address the mindset of this class of people in order to do anything meaningful in their lives. A case in point can be seen in today's passage. God gave Moses an assignment – 'Deliver the children of Israel from their oppressors!' However, Moses kept giving excuses that would disqualify him from fulfilling God's plan for his life. To work with Moses, God had to first address his mind by giving him pep talks just to convince him he could handle the assignment; in addition, God had to work miracles and perform signs over and over again to make Moses believe that there was greatness inside of him.

God's biggest work most times is not for Him to do great things through us; it is for Him to get us to believe that indeed, He can do great things through us. Like Moses, we like to give a litany of our weaknesses and why we can't and why we shouldn't and why it wouldn't work. It is obvious then that the chief thief of all you can become or do is 'self-doubt'. Self-doubt gives you a million reasons why you should not dare, why you are not built or fit for it, why you will fail at it, why you should play it safe, why you should keep waiting for the 'right time.'

There are no mountains anywhere; every man's mountains are those he sets up in his mind. Your mind is your greatest limit. William Shakespeare said, "Our doubts make us lose the good we often might achieve, by fearing to attempt."

Self-doubt has killed more dreams than failure ever did. No matter how much God can, if you believe you can't, then God can't or won't. Your 'I can't' can tie the hands of God. The remedy therefore for self-doubt is to 'believe you can.' What you believe sets the limits for what you become. Human beings have been known to do impossible things whenever they set their mind to it. If you believe you can do something, your mind will find a way to do it. Don't limit yourself and so, limit God. You are the vessel God will use to do great things, if you will let Him. God needs you to raise the bar in your mind so He can help you to reach it!