Life in the Word Series

BOLD AS A LION

(WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?)

November 4th, 2026

LESSON ONE:

The Fear of Man
(The Prophet Moses)

PROVERBS 29:25

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“Choosing faith over fear is a daily decision.”

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The FEAR that Moses displayed was to treat human power, danger, or personal failure as greater than God, causing him to run away from God's will or presence.

Six Examples of Moses' Fears in the Book of Exodus:

1. FEAR OF PHARAOH AND RETRIBUTION.

(Exodus 2:11–15)

2. FEAR OF PERSONAL INADEQUACY.

("Who am I?")

(Exodus 3:11)

4. FEAR OF REJECTION AND DISBELIEF.

(Exodus 4:1)

5. FEAR OF SPEECH WEAKNESS AND IN-ELOQUENCE

(Exodus 4:10)

6. FEAR OF LOSING COMFORT, SAFETY, AND STABILITY.

(Exodus 4:13)

THREE POSSIBLE REASONS WHY WE FEAR MAN:

1. They can expose and humiliate us.
2. They can reject, ridicule, or despise us.
3. They can attack, oppress, or threaten us.

When other people become bigger in our eyes than God, our souls are in danger.

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FEAR WARPS OUR REALITY:

Distorting our perception, making things appear bigger, scarier, and more threatening than they actually are.

Behind every excuse is a fear.

Moses' Five Distinct Excuses Due To Fear:

FIRST EXCUSE:

“Who Am I?”

(Exodus 3:11)

PSALM 139:14

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

“Your doubt does not cancel your potential. You can carry both fear and faith and still move forward.”

SECOND EXCUSE:

“What If They Ask Your Name?”
(Exodus 3:13)

“I AM WHO I AM”

1. God Exist
2. God does not Change

THREE REFERENCE SCRIPTURES:

Malachi 3:6

Hebrews 13:8

Psalm 9:10

EXCUSE THREE:

“What If They Don’t Believe Me?”

(Exodus 4:1)

LUKE 10:6

The one who hears you hears Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me, and the one who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.

“If you live for people’s acceptance, you will die from their rejection.”

EXCUSE FOUR:

“I’M NOT ELOQUENT”

(Exodus 4:10)

REFERENCE SCRIPTURE:

I Corinthians 2:1-2, 4-5

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“Don’t worry about having the right words; worry more about having the right heart. It’s not eloquence He seeks, just honesty.”

EXCUSE FIVE:

“Please Send Someone Else”
(Exodus 4:13)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:

Jeremiah 17:7

“We wait until we feel ready. Until we know enough. Until fears disappears. But the mission was never built on our confidence.”

“Let your faith be bigger than your fear.”

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever hid behind a fear with an excuse?
2. Name a fear you were able to overcome.
3. Have you ever been afraid of something going wrong?
4. How can you apply today’s lesson to your spiritual walk?