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"O Lord, please send someone else. Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses." Exodus 4:13-14

In yesterday's devotional I spoke of the prophet Isaiah's response to the call of God by saying, "Here am I Lord, send me." (Isaiah 6:8). In the book of Exodus, God told Moses He wanted him to leave the service of his father-in-law, Jethro, and return to Egypt to lead His people into freedom. God described the task and even the response he could expect. Moses reacted with a series of objections. He felt inadequate for the task: "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11). He complained that he was not "eloquent" enough but was "slow of speech and tongue" (v. 10). He simply did not know what to say and wondered how he would respond to criticism or objections.

God answered every excuse until Moses asked him to send someone else. Suddenly God became furious. What was different? God demonstrated that He welcomed honest questions. But Moses crossed the line when he declared that he would not go. But, finally, he did agree to go – with his brother Aaron.

When I first heard the call of God to enter into full time Christian ministry, my response was much like Moses. God I feel so inadequate. Lord, I'm not eloquent of speech. Yet here I am 32 years later and I can look back and say, God provided me with the resources to do His will and His work.

Thought For Today: You may go through similar experiences. As you feel God's call, you may have questions, concerns, and doubts. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 12:10, all of us have weaknesses and need to depend on God. Remember, God has prepared an assignment for you. Trust Him and move forward in faith.

Today's Prayer Focus: Continue to pray this week's prayer fuel. Deo Volente.