

FAULTY FOCUS

An entire battalion climbed Hacksaw Ridge.
One stayed for 12 hours saving over 75 men.
Some would say, but he was a medic.
On average there are 30 medics in every battalion.

Excuses are a sign of faulty focus.

Most focused on the enemy and the danger

In Exodus 6 we see the same faulty focus rear up

Exodus 6:1-12

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”

2 God also said to Moses, “I am the Lord. **3** I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty,[a] but by my name the Lord I did not make myself fully known to them. **4** I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. **5** Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. **7** I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.**8** And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.’”

9 Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.

10 Then the Lord said to Moses, **11** “Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.”

12 But Moses said to the Lord, “If the Israelites will not listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me, since I speak with faltering lips[c]?”

Exodus 6:26–30

It was this Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, “Bring the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.” **27** They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt—this same Moses and Aaron.

Aaron to Speak for Moses

28 Now when the Lord spoke to Moses in Egypt, **29** he said to him, “I am the Lord. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you.”

30 But Moses said to the Lord, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

The Israelites Focused on the Enemy and the Danger

Exodus 6:9

Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.

Moses Focused on the Enemy and the Danger

Exodus 6:30

But Moses said to the Lord, “Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

Exodus 6:12

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If You Are Going to Do the Impossible You Have to Change Your Focus

“God help me save just one more.” Desmond Doss

General to Alvin York

“Did you capture the German army?” “No sire, just 132.”

When ask why a conscientious objector would kill so many? “I had to stop the machine guns to save my men.”

How Many Men Did York Save? 8

Both men focused not on the enemy or the danger or difficulty but on their purpose.

I came to seek and save the lost” Jesus.

Let’s Look at Gods Words to Israel and Moses

Exodus 6:1

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country.”

Exodus 6:6

“Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. **7** I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.**8** And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the lord.

Jesus Understood Our Need to Focus on God and Our Purpose**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart lean, not on your own understanding and all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.”

Philippians 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.