

Resisting God's Call

More often than not, when God called people into His service, they resisted by coming up with a lot of excuses. The practice of resistance was true even of the strongest and best leaders in the Bible.

CHARACTER	RESISTANCE	REFERENCE
Moses	"Who am I"	Exodus 3:11
Moses	"I don't know who you are."	Exodus 3:13
Moses	"No one will believe me or listen to me.:"	Exodus 4:1
Moses	"I'm not a good speaker"	Exodus 4:10
Moses	"Send someone else"	Exodus 4:13
Gideon	"I'm a nobody"	Judges 6:15
Saul	Hid in the baggage	1 Samuel 10:22
Solomon	"I am a little child"	1 Kings 3:7
Jeremiah	"I don't know how to speak"	Jeremiah 1:6
Jeremiah	"I'm only a child"	Jeremiah 1:6
Jonah	Said nothing: ran away	Jonah 1:2
Jonah	When he complied he was angry	Jonah 4:1

In contrast note the responses of Isaiah and Mary. When Isaiah was called he replied, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). Mary said, "I am the Lord's maidservant. Let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).