Study 9: Moses’ Honest Questions #5  Lord, Can’t You Send Someone Else?  
Exodus 4:13-17

Moses raises five questions with God

1. Who am I? (3:10)
2. God, Who are You? (3:13)
3. What if they do not believe me? (4:1)
4. Lord, I cannot speak? (4:10)
5. **Lord, can You send someone else?** (4:13)

In this group of verses God becomes very angry with Moses. Moses in his confusion sees only what he could not do and what he fears. But God had promised that He would provide all that Moses needed to go and face the Pharaoh of Egypt. God’s Himself will go and be with him. In his response to God, Moses basically said, God, You are not enough for me. Send someone else in my place.

God then shared a surprise He had in store for Moses. More than likely God had wanted to give it as a joyous gift rather than out of His exasperation following Moses refusal to trust Him. God had already called and sent Aaron, his brother, to find Moses in the desert. Aaron began his journey even before this burning bush event began. When God calls us He is already working at the other end of the call in the lives of other people. He is already there. He is inviting us to join Him in what He is already doing. This should be a great encouragement to each of us.

Then God tells Moses that He will permit Aaron to be Moses’ voice. God will speak to Moses alone. Moses would then tell Aaron what to say and Aaron would be Moses’ voice to the Egyptians and Hebrews. It was a cumbersome communication network, but if that is what it took for Moses to get going and to trust his Lord, God would do it. As we see in the following chapters, God patiently works with Moses until he fully accepts the call that God had given him.

Aaron is Moses’ voice in Exodus 4:30; 5:1  
7:1-2, 8-10, 19-20:  
8:5-6, 16-17.

The transition point comes in 8:25-29, “And Moses said” to Pharaoh.

From this time on Aaron is no longer referred to as Moses’ voice or spokesman. Moses is now a changed man who is confident in God and as a result is confident in himself. Finally he is willing to be the man God called him to be. He is the tri-cultural man of mixed Egyptian-Hebrew-Midian roots.
Are you amazed with the patience that God has shown in working in and through your life? Are you able to agree with God that He has made you with a unique and wonderful ethnic heritage? Can you see that God has given it as a gift He intends to use in your life and in the life of others? Do you appreciate your family background and the experiences out of which you have come? They may not have all been pleasant. But God entrusted them to you and He will not waste what you have learned. He will redeem them and use them for good just as He did for Moses.