



I Quit Making Excuses

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Introduction:

- Quitting means defeat - "Don't quit"
- Some things are worth quitting

Excuses, excuses

¹⁶ ... "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. ¹⁷ When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.'

¹⁸ But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.'

¹⁹ Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' **Luke 14:16-20 NLT**

What does God want to be different about your life? _____

Why does God want this part of your life to be different? _____

1. Quit making excuses

- Excuses are plentiful
- Vacuum problem - action needed

¹⁰ But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled." ¹¹ Then the LORD asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the LORD?" ¹² Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."

Exodus 4:10-12 NLT

2. How to get started

- Do what I can do
- Trust God to do what I cannot do

⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness..." ¹⁰ For when I am weak, then I am strong. **2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NLT**

Next Steps:

- ☐ I will take a next step today - no excuses
- ☐ Commit to make a change in my life trusting in God to help me: _____
- ☐ Stop making excuses for the things I know I should do (so help me God): _____
- ☐ Join a small group this semester
- ☐ Attend the rest of the "I Quit" series
- ☐ _____