



Welcome to Beginning Theology

Stepping into God's story



Stepping into calling

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Outline

James 1:22

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

- Exodus & Moses
- The call & response



When did this take place?
Who are these people?
What was God doing?

Does this happen today?
Is it applicable to me?

Why is this written here?
What surprised me?
Have I understood?

What is the Spirit saying?

Where to begin?

‘a text without a context is a pretext’

“For a Christian, the Old Testament is your spiritual history. The promises and calling of God to Israel are your historical promises and calling”

Fee & Stuart

Types of OT Books

Torah *Genesis – Deuteronomy*

Historical *Joshua – Esther*

Poetic & wisdom *Job – Song of Songs*

Prophetic *Isaiah – Malachi*

Narrative Context



Creation

Fall



Redemption



Restoration



Exodus

- Authorship
- Background
- Context

PREVIOUSLY ON 24

Poll

Have you experienced a call from God?

Read **Exodus 3:1-14** and think about the following...

- What reasons did God have for calling Moses?
- How did things begin for Moses realising his call?
- What did God reveal about Himself to Moses?

The call

God uses who we are (Exodus 3:1)

Calling begins with encounter (Exodus 3:2)

God keeps His word (Exodus 3:6)



Reflect and Chat

Reflect:

- Do you sense a call from God in an area of your life?

Chat

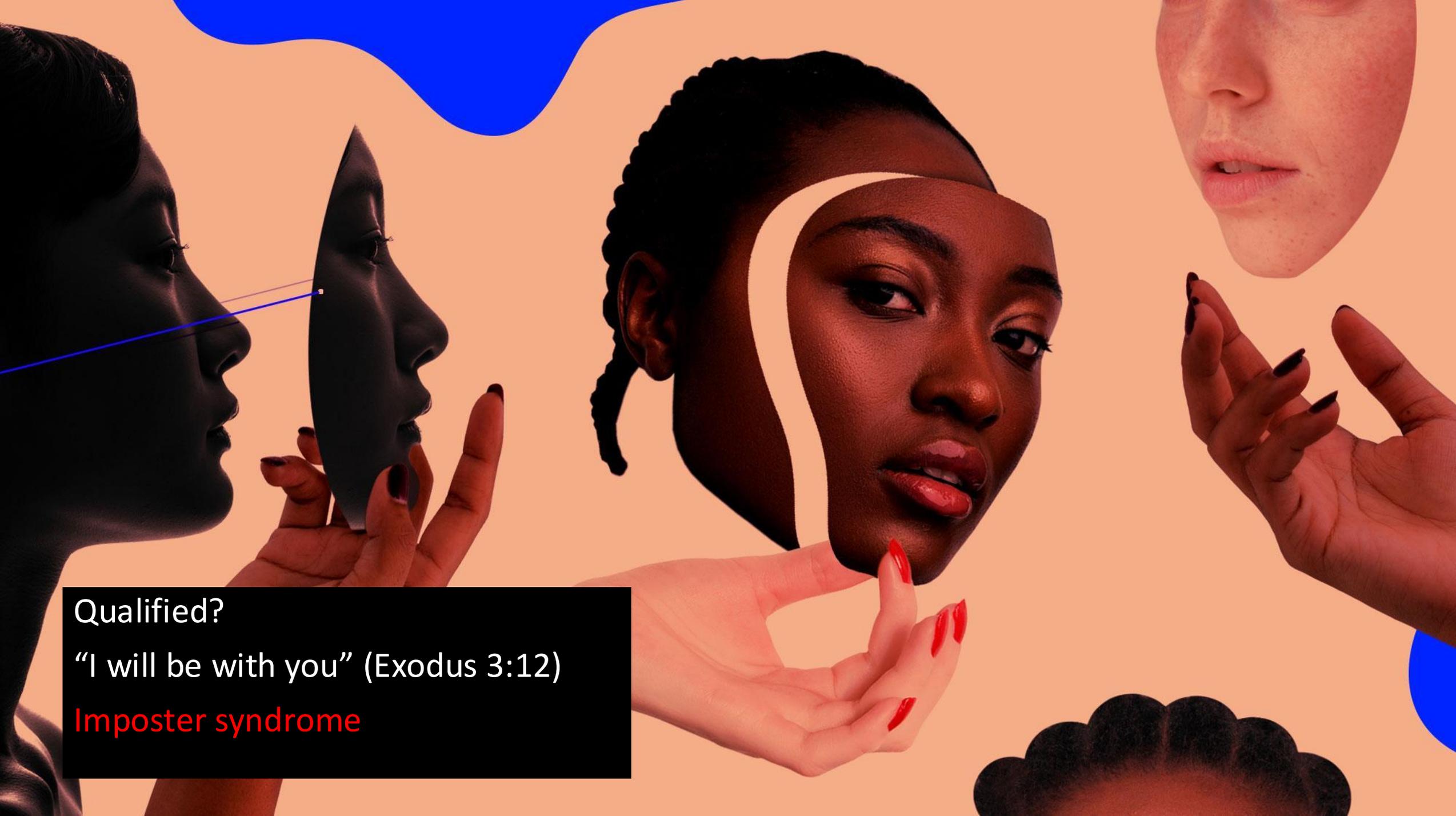
- What reasons might we not respond to God's call?

The response

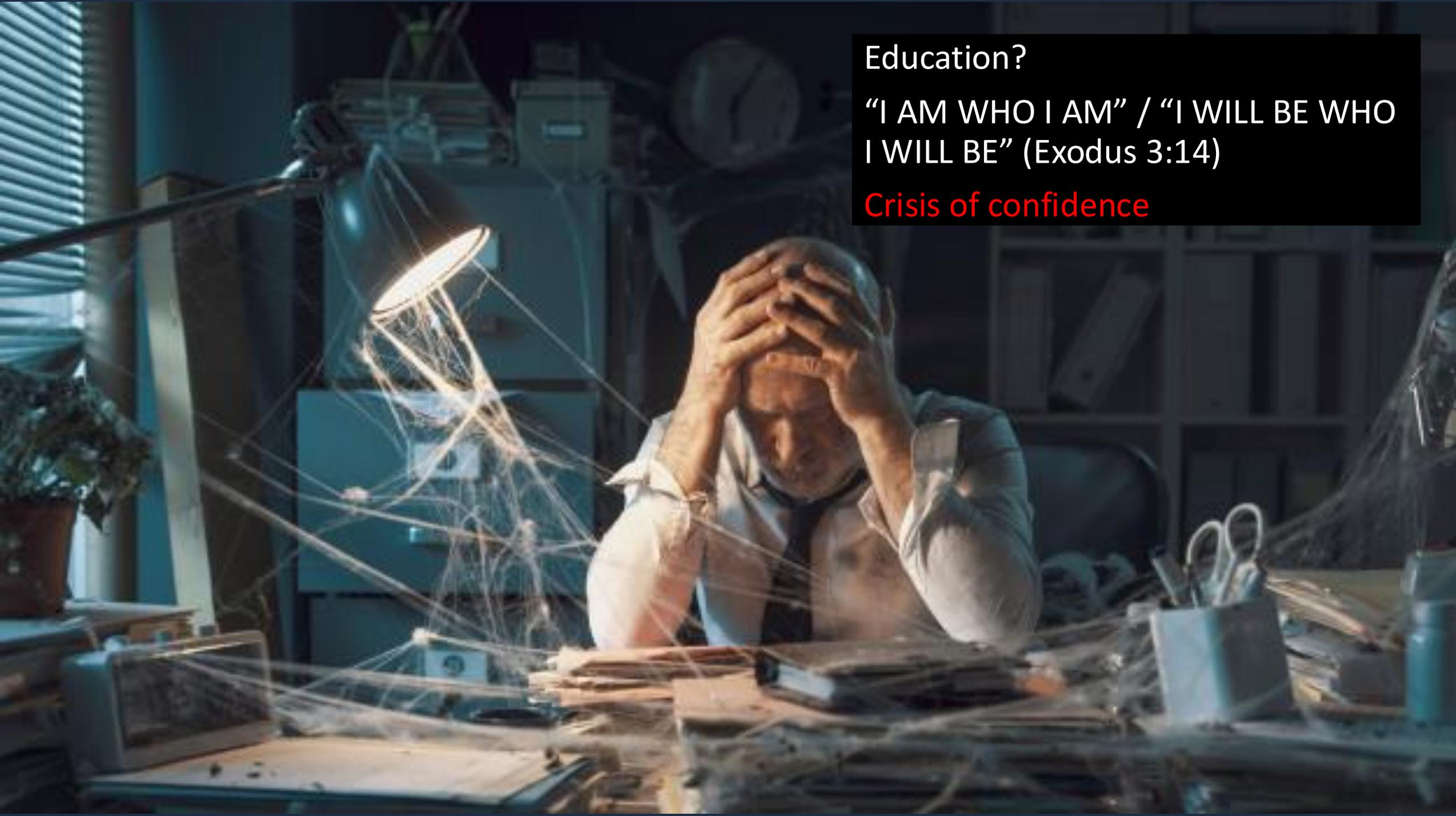


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Hebrews 4:12-13, The Message



Qualified?
"I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12)
Imposter syndrome



Education?

“I AM WHO I AM” / “I WILL BE WHO I WILL BE” (Exodus 3:14)

Crisis of confidence

It won't work!
It's not my gift!
I don't want to!
(Exodus 4:1,10,13)
Eliminate the excuses



Summary

- Exodus & Moses
 - A – B – C of engaging scripture
- The call & response
 - God uses who we are
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