

A white silhouette of a person stands on a single white chair, reaching up with both hands towards a large, glowing blue moon in a dark blue, starry night sky. Below the person, a large, chaotic pile of white chairs is visible, suggesting a vast number of people, each with only one chair. The scene is set against a background of a starry night sky.

DO YOU FEEL INADEQUATE?

Exodus 3:1- 4:16

How often and when do you feel
inadequate?



Exodus 3 1-11

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

Exodus 3 1-11

³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

Exodus 3 1-11

⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

Exodus 3 1-11

⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.

Exodus 3 1-11

¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

“Who am I?” - identity

Answer- v.12- “I will be with you”

“¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.””

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a person standing on a path of chairs that recedes into the distance. The person is reaching up towards a glowing globe of the Earth, which is set against a dark blue, starry night sky. The overall theme is one of reaching for the future or a higher goal.

Matthew 28:20

- ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Who are you?- Ex. 3:13

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

Answer- “I am who I am”- Ex. 3:14-17

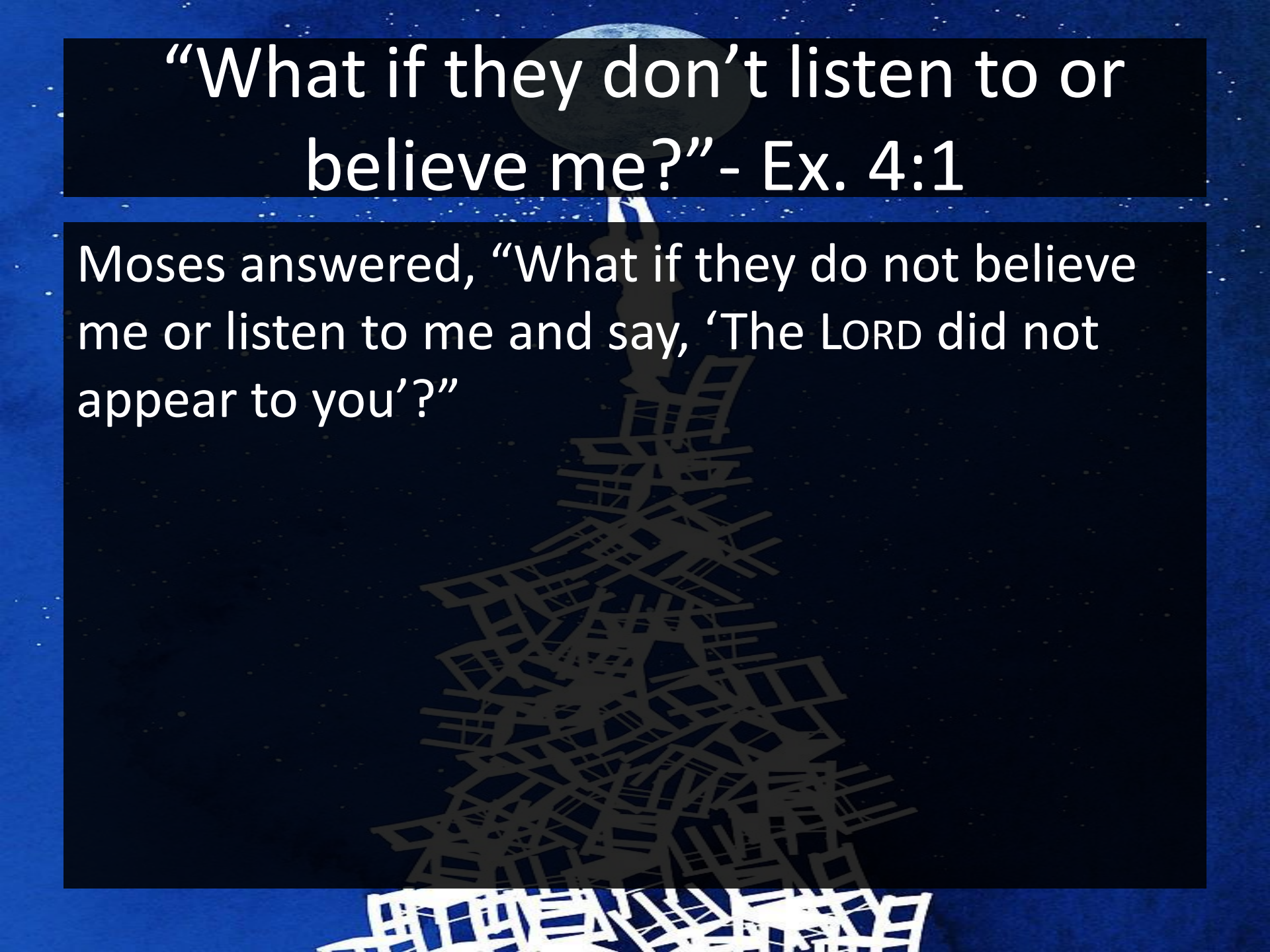
¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’”

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

Answer- “I am who I am”- Ex. 3:14-17

¹⁶ “Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷ And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’



“What if they don’t listen to or believe me?” - Ex. 4:1

Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you’?”

Answer- I will give you three signs- vv. 2-9

² Then the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

“A staff,” he replied.

³ The LORD said, “Throw it on the ground.”

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.” So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

Answer- I will give you three signs- vv. 2-9

⁵ “This,” said the LORD, “is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you.”

⁶ Then the LORD said, “Put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

Answer- I will give you three signs- vv. 2-9

⁷ “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

⁸ Then the LORD said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second.

Answer- I will give you three signs- vv. 2-9

⁹ But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”



“I am not a good speaker” - Ex. 4:10

¹⁰ Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”



Jeremiah 1:5-6

- 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”
- 6 “Ah, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.”

Answer- “I know and made you that way” - Ex. 4:11-12

¹¹ The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

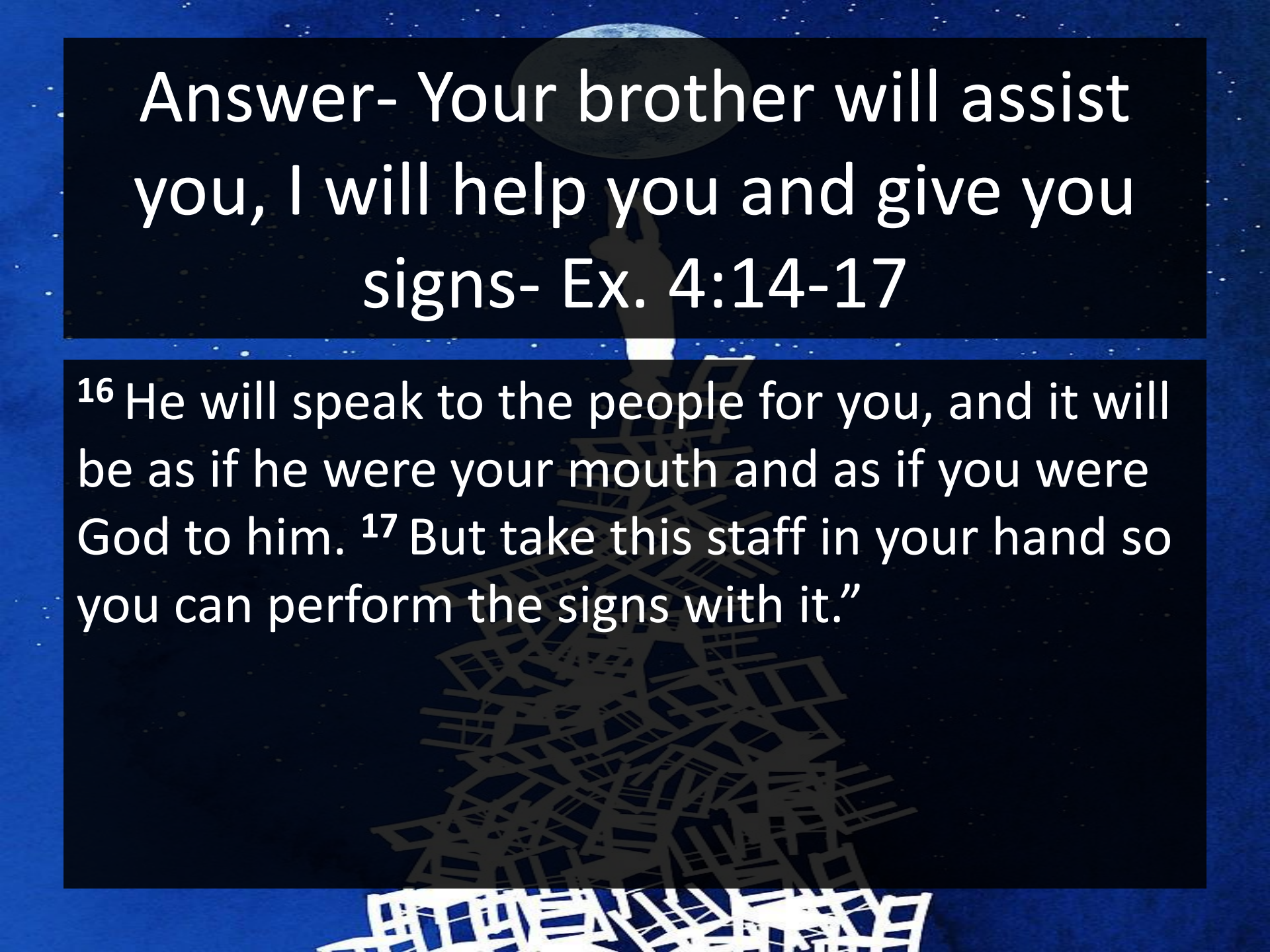
A silhouette of a person stands on a large, chaotic pile of broken chairs. The person is looking upwards towards a glowing Earth in space. The background is a dark blue sky filled with stars. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular area at the top of the image.

“No, I won’t go” - Ex. 4:13

¹³ But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

Answer- Your brother will assist
you, I will help you and give you
signs- Ex. 4:14-17

¹⁴ Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. ¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.



Answer- Your brother will assist
you, I will help you and give you
signs- Ex. 4:14-17

¹⁶ He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. ¹⁷ But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

Do we make excuses for our felt
inadequacy?



¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me
strength.

Philippians 4:13



Do we make excuses for our felt inadequacy?

- ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Application

I am adequate in God to do anything I am supposed to do

