

# ***What to Know About God When You Get “No’s” in Ministry***

Exodus 4:29-6:13

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**Ministry Optimism** (4:29-31)

**Ministry Defeat** (5:1-23)

## **The 5 “I’s” of God**

1. **“I Am”** (6:1-2)

**Truth: He is the God who exists**

2. **“I heard”** (6:5)

**Truth: He is the God who pays attention to His people**

3. **“I appeared”** (6:3)

**Truth: He is a God who connects with us**

4. **“I will”** (6:1, 6-8; Eph. 3:20)

**Truth: He is a God who is active**

5. **“I established and I remembered My covenant”** (6:4-5, 8)

**Truth: He is a God who makes and keeps promises**  
(Mt. 16:18, 28:20)

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## **Applying the Bible to Life**

- What is the biggest obstacle to effective ministry that you are facing right now? Does it leave you feeling defeated?
- Which of these 5 truths best answers that obstacle? What can you do to keep that truth in the front of your mind throughout the week? Who can help you with that?