

DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

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*The Life of Moses***L**ooking at the Life of Moses and how he went from Excuses to Reflecting God's Glory

- You may know a bit about Moses already- that his mam put him in a basket in an attempt to save his life. Her attempt worked and he was found and brought up by a princess, with some help from his natural mother. However, when Moses was older, he was aware he was an Israelite living in Egypt; his heart was for his own people and one day when he saw an Egyptian treating one of the Israelites unfairly, he intervened... and ended up killing the Egyptian. Moses had to flee as others had seen what happened and now his own life was in danger. But he was still always concerned about his own people. So was God.
 - **Exodus 2:24, 25** - *God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob so God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them .*
- Moses was busy doing his job tending sheep, when a voice called out from a burning bush and commanded him to rescue his people.
 - **Exodus 3:11- 4:13**
*Who am I that I should go?
Suppose I go to the Israelites...what should I tell them?
What if they don't believe me?
What if they say 'the Lord didn't appear to you'?
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
O Lord, please send someone else to do it!*
- Moses was also probably worried about the Issues of his past: Moses' life had been in danger since killing the Egyptian. But God told Moses: Go back to Egypt for all the men who wanted to kill you are dead.
 - **Exodus 4:29-31** - *Moses and Aaron brought together all the elders of the Israelites, and Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also performed the signs before the people, and they believed. And when they heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.*
- But Pharaoh's response was not what Moses and Aaron would have wanted!
- Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "*This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'*" But the king of Egypt said, "*Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labour? Get back to your work!*"

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- Then Moses was consumed with more excuses!

- **Exodus 5:23, Exodus 6:12 and Exodus 6:30:**

Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and You have not rescued your people at all!

If the Israelites won't listen to me, why would Pharaoh listen to me since I speak with faltering lips? Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?

- **Blood over Doorposts, The Passover – Exodus chapter 12**

The final plague would hit every firstborn male in Egypt. But God sent instructions for Moses to give to His people that would protect them. The commands are written in *Exodus chapter 12* and involved putting blood over the doorposts.

The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

- **Exodus 12:26-27**

And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped.

- **Exodus 13:14**

Eventually, after the plagues.....Pharaoh said:

Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go worship the Lord as you have requested!

"In days to come, when your child asks you, 'What does this mean?' say to him, 'With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your forehead that the Lord brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand."

- **Exodus 32:15-24**

Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on each side, front and back. The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

- **The Radiant Face of Moses - Exodus 34:29**

- *When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.*
- Moses went from making every excuse not to do what God had asked him to spending time in God's presence resulting in him reflecting God's glory. We can too! Those who took names of the children, please continue to pray that they too will reflect God's glory!