

Character Study: Moses

Part 2 – The Call of Moses

Exodus 2:11-3:10

What's happening?

- As Moses grew older, he recognized the burden being put on his fellow Hebrews. One day he saw an Egyptian man beating a Hebrew. Seeing no one around, Moses killed the Egyptian and buried his body. Before long, the Pharaoh found out, and Moses fled for his life. (2:11-15)
- Moses went to the desert land of Midian, where he met a man named Jethro. He gave Moses one of his daughters, named Zipporah, to be his wife. She bore him a son, who was given the name Gershom. (2:16-22)
- Over time, the king of Egypt died and the people of Israel cried out to God because of their bondage. He remembered the covenant promises He had made with them and heard their cry. (2:23-25)
- Moses was tending flock one day near Horeb, the mountain of God, when the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. Moses was amazed at the sight. God told Moses that He had come down to deliver the Israelites and that He would use Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. (3:1-10)

What's God doing?

> The Israelites were treated well during the days of Joseph, but that had now changed. The horrible treatment they faced was stirring up within them a desire to leave Egypt. God was selecting and preparing the man He would use to lead His people out of Egypt.

What's to learn?

→ Moses had a burden for his people, but he tried to fix things in his own strength. He had a lot to learn! After fleeing Egypt, Moses lived in the desert for forty years before he received his calling from God (Acts 7:30). Life in the desert was probably not what Moses wanted, but God knew it was necessary in order to make him into the servant God desired him to be. What “desert experiences” has God taken you through? What are you learning from them? What may God be preparing you for?

→ Being useable does not mean being perfect. Moses was guilty of murder, yet God still had a plan for his life. Do not let past sins or failures defeat you. Learn what God is showing you through them and continue to seek His will for your life! God used Moses, He can use you!