



Exodus 2:10-22

When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Moses Flees to Midian

11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. 16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

19 They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

20 "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

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LIFE Community Leader's Guide **Sunday, February 4**

Big Idea: Choose! Move forward in faith because God is not finished with you yet

Key Verse:

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Opening Question:

Share an experience at a job interview that you had (as interviewer or interviewee).

Study/Discussion Questions:

Read through the passage together

Observation Questions

1. Name the characters in the passage.
2. What problem caused Moses to flee?
3. Where did he flee to?
4. What did he discover there?
5. Who did he discover there?
6. How long did he stay in Midian?

Interpretation Questions

1. Tom spoke about how in every resume gap there is a story. Tom described Moses resume gap as being a story about a prince becoming a shepherd and learning to live as an alien in a foreign land. How do you think Moses felt in this new land?
2. Tom listed Moses resume qualities along these line: child of royalty, nurtured in courts, educated in Egyptian schools, respected in the land. Now his life was totally different: he became a shepherd, working the land, searching for water, protecting the flock, leading them. What do you think God was teaching Moses by giving him this different role?
3. Moses grew to spiritual maturity, but that growth was about decisions made along the way. What sort of decisions was God leading Moses to make during this time?

Application Questions

It may be easier to deal with these questions in smaller groups of 2-3

1. Moses must have felt sidelined by God. He had to wait for forty years before he heard from God again. Have you ever felt sidelined by God? Share this experience with
2. Peter urges Christians, "as aliens and strangers in the world" to live good lives (1 Peter 2:11-12). Is this similar to Moses experience? How (or how not)?
3. Are some of you living in the gap of your resume right now? What could God be teaching you in light of this lesson and what he teaches Moses?
4. Tom encouraged us to remember that God is not finished with us yet, even when we are living on the sidelines. God uses the gaps in our resume to build us, shape us and prepare us for His work. What areas of your life is God building, shaping and preparing? Are you an active participant in the preparation; sitting on the side in misery or actively resisting the work of God in you. Spend some time now praying for each other as face this week and some of the struggles you may be experiencing.