

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.

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Moses: Learning To Lead God's Way

Lesson #2: A Somebody Wannabe – Impatience Corrected

INTRODUCTION

- When have you tried to break up a fight? What happened?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Ex 2:11-25; Acts 7:21-30; Heb 11:24-27

1. How did Moses know he was a Hebrew?
2. According to Flavius Josephus, Moses led the Egyptians army in a stunning victory over the Ethiopians. What was Moses' education and training like as the future pharaoh of Egypt? (7:22)
3. From man's viewpoint, how was God preparing Moses to lead the Hebrews?
4. Why do you think Moses killed the Egyptian slave driver? Ex 2:12, Acts 7:24
5. What did Moses lose when he killed the Egyptian?

Note: Midian was named after one of Abraham's younger sons. It flanked the eastern arm of the Red Sea (Gulf of Aqaba). It was dry and desolate, a remarkable contrast to the fertile land of Goshen. The Midian priest (Reuel) means "friend of God". His other name (Jethro) was probably a title meaning "His Excellency." Shepherds were low on the social scale of Egyptians, another reason why they were originally welcomed into Egypt. "No doubt Thutmose III, who resumed the throne after his aunt's death (and immediately ordered the defacing of all her monuments and the destruction of all records of her rule!) was glad to find an excuse to remove his aunt's favorite." ¹

6. Why didn't the Hebrews identify with Moses (& his mission)? Acts 7:25
7. Why did Moses flee? (Ex 2:15, Acts 7:29)
8. If it was God's will that Moses lead the Hebrews out of Egypt, what went wrong? (1 Cor 1:26-27)
9. Moses was a highly qualified, gifted, type "A" personality that tried to complete his calling his own way. When did his life begin to turn around for the better? Why?
10. God used a murderer to further his plans. How does that make you feel about Him using you?
11. What personal flaws and/or failures has God used in your life for His glory? How could He?
12. How can we know God's will *and* His timing?

APPLICATION

- How might God need to humble you or cure your impatience to make you useful?
- What challenges are you facing with God's will and timing now?

Have the consequences of your actions progressed beyond confusion and pain? Are you in the middle of the desert, with parched sand and hot sun as far as the eye can see? Maybe your energy and zeal have long since shriveled up under the heat of unmet expectations, and you're beginning to wonder if God will ever use you. If so, remember this principle: When the self-life sits down, the well of a new life is near. God's well is near. His refreshment is provided for you.

Moses by Chuck Swindoll

¹ Richards, L., & Richards, L. O. (1987). *The teacher's commentary* (76). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.