

**Agape House of Worship
Wednesday Bible Study**

Topic: The Life of Moses: His birth and call (Part 1)

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Text: Exodus Chapters 2 - 4

When you think about the life of Moses, what character traits come to mind?

Moses' life can be roughly divided into three periods, each about 40 years

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| 1. Prince of Egypt | Proud in man's knowledge and status | 40 years |
| 2. Shepherd in Midian | Humbled and molded by God | 40 years |
| 3. Leader | Obedient servant | 40 years |

The Birth of Moses: Exodus 2: 1-10

Special circumstances surrounding his life that could tell God's hand was on Moses as seen through his parents, sister and family that adopted him. Our early years are never wasted. They are a part of the process God uses to prepare us for following Him throughout our lives. God has his hand from the very beginning of your life. He makes no mistakes.

How has God used both good and bad experiences in your family in a positive way in your life?

Midwives disobeyed authority because they feared (reverential awe) God and He rewarded them for what they did. The fear of God should affect your decision making and how you interact with others. It is beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7).

Are there other examples in scripture where someone disobeyed authority and yet pleased God in doing so?

Major Turning Point in The Life of Moses: Exodus 2: 11-14

Do you ever look back at major turning points in your life? A major decision that changed your life for the good or bad? Even though you may make what seems like a life altering mistake, God can still use your failures, mistakes and sins for His purpose.

Moses tried to achieve God's purpose for him by his own strength. He attempted to impose himself as a leader instead of allowing God to establish him. He had no influence over the people to lead them. Leadership is influence.

How would you know that you are leading by your own strength instead of letting God lead through you?

Desert Experience: Exodus 2:15-22

Place of preparation. Place where he learnt humility. Thank God for your desert experience and what you have learnt from those times and for what He has done in your life through them.

Does God have to take us through a desert experience before he can use us?

God's Promise and the Call (Exodus 3:1-9)

1. Seeing. I have seen my people's misery and oppression
2. Hearing. I have heard their cries and prayers
3. Rescuing. I will rescue them
4. Giving. I will bring them into a land that I will give them

God's compassion - The Exodus isn't just about Moses. It is about God's compassion and plan. God is the main player in the story. Moses is an instrument/vessel used to carry out His plan.

God's faithfulness - God made covenant promises to Abraham and his descendants. He is faithful to keep his promises including the ones He has made to you. He will always come through!

Sustained prayer - The deliverance took place through anguished prayer to God. All significant revivals have taken place as a result of consistent, urgent prayer before God. Don't give up, even if it seems like God isn't answering immediately! Keep on praying.

The Response to The Call: Exodus 3:10-12. 4:1-15

Does Moses' response to God's call reflect a low self-image, true humility, or lack of faith? How does God reassure him? How does God reassure us when we are called to impossible situations?

Ever since God had called him, Moses had come up with a series of excuses and "what ifs"

1. Who am I? (3:11-12)
2. What if they ask your Name? (3:13-15)
3. What if they don't believe me? (4:1-9)
4. But I'm not eloquent (4:10-12)
5. People will kill me (4:19)

(Exodus 4:13-14a) Why was God angry with Moses? What was Moses' basic sin? Unbelief, fear, or disobedience?

Feeling inadequate can come from guilt over past failures and refusing to accept or believe God's word. We can overcome it by stepping out in faith, asking God for help and meditate on his promises.

Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. ²⁷ Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. ²⁸ God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 1 Corinthians 1: 25-28 (NLT).

The call of God is not qualified by strength of character, education, social standing, or any other human measure. It is qualified by a yielding and obedient heart. Consider it a great privilege to have partnership with Him in anything. Do it cheerfully, gladly, with all your heart, and He will bless you.