

GOD CALLS MOSES

God calls His servant Moses to deliver God's people from bondage.



THE STORY: EXODUS 2:11-25

MONDAY

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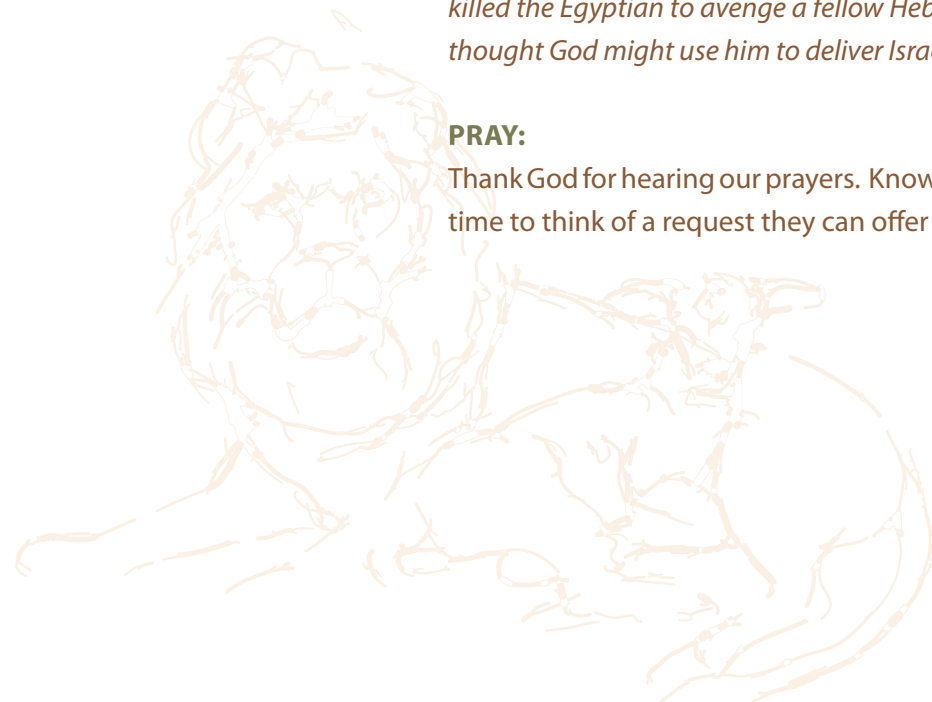
Though Moses was brought up in Pharaoh's house, he had compassion on his people who were slaves of Egypt. In the book of Acts, Luke gives us a bit of insight into the motive of Moses: "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?' But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' Then Moses ran away and went into the land of Midian where he became the father of two sons. Acts 7:23-29 (ESV)

TALK ABOUT IT:

What do we learn from reading Luke's account that we don't know from the story in Exodus? *(We learn that Moses understood the Hebrews were his brothers, that he killed the Egyptian to avenge a fellow Hebrew and that even in those early years Moses thought God might use him to deliver Israel.)*

PRAY:

Thank God for hearing our prayers. Knowing God answers prayers, give your children time to think of a request they can offer up to God.





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God appears to Moses in the burning bush and reveals His plan of salvation – Rather than in a dream or vision, God revealed Himself in person to Moses in the burning bush and spoke to him one to one. He was warned to take off his sandals since the very ground he walked upon was holy. Moses hid his face and was afraid to look upon the face of God. When confronted with the holiness of God, the human response is always the same: awe, reverence, and humility.

God called Moses with full knowledge of what He was going to do to save His people. God did not simply send Moses into Egypt to try to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, God knew exactly what would happen. The Lord knew that Pharaoh would not let the people go. And He knew the Israelites would leave with the silver and gold of the Egyptians (Exodus 3:21).

TALK ABOUT IT:

How is God's power shown in this passage? *(God's power was demonstrated in the burning bush which was not consumed, God's knowledge and understanding of everything, and God's ability to know the future.)*

PRAY:

Thank God for the way He uses everyday people in accomplishing His plan.



Where is Jesus?

Amazingly the writer of Hebrews tells us that Moses saw Christ in his choice to forsake Egypt and identify with his people, the Israelites. God gave grace to Moses to see a future plan of God where all the earthly treasures of Egypt would be meaningless.

Moses was called by God to deliver Israel from the oppression of Egypt. Like Jesus, Moses was to go to a reluctant people and demonstrate the power of God through miraculous signs. At the burning bush, Moses became God's spokesman to reveal the will and plan of God to His people. Ultimately, Jesus became the perfect mediator between us and God. Through the Bible, His Word, He reveals the plan of God to us.

Talk about it:

Why do we have even greater reason than Moses to reject the treasures of the world for God? *(Though Moses trusted the future plan of God, he did not see God's plan of salvation as fully as we do. We have the privilege of having God's full plan of salvation revealed to us in the scripture. Since we have a much fuller revelation of God's plan, it is easier for us to see how foolish it is to place our hope in earthly riches.)*

Why is worldly wealth a temptation for those who trust God? *(The passing pleasure of earthly treasure gives us a quick bit of happiness. This can distract us from the eternal joy which comes from trusting God. Sometimes trusting God brings suffering in this life. However, treasure and reward come in heaven. We should always remember that worldly wealth, while it might bring temporary pleasure, can never deliver lasting riches or lasting joy.)*

PRAY:

Ask God to help you place your faith in Jesus and the riches of His everlasting kingdom -- not in the passing riches of this life.



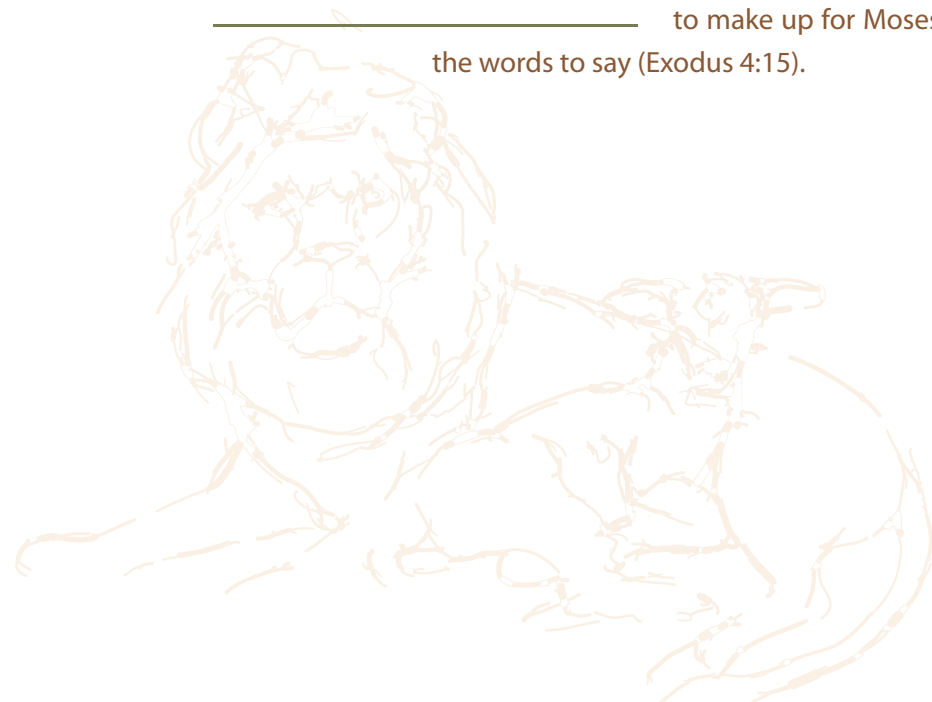
THE STORY: EXODUS 4:1-17

THURSDAY

God worked salvation through the hand of a man

God worked salvation through the hand of a man – Clearly, the God who can perform the wonders illustrated in this story could have judged Pharaoh and easily saved Israel without Moses. The life of Moses points to another Judge and Mediator between God and man: Christ Jesus. So, in God's wisdom, He used Moses to deliver His people. Moses objected, fearing his own inadequacies. By objecting, he doubted God. God responded to Moses in anger, but promised to make up for Moses' weaknesses by giving Moses and Aaron

the words to say (Exodus 4:15).



TALK ABOUT IT:

What happened earlier to Moses which might have caused him to think that his fellow Hebrews would not believe him? *(He thought they would have seen him as God's deliverer after he killed the Egyptian but they only mocked him. See Acts 7:23-25)*

What does God tell Moses about His power in verse 11? *(God addressed Moses' fear of speaking by reminding him that He made man's mouth and that He is in control of all people whether they are mute or deaf or seeing or blind.)*

Review Matthew 28:18-20. How do these verses and the life of Moses encourage us in our mission? *(God gave Moses strength to complete his mission, so He will also give us strength to complete our mission.)*

PRAY:

Ask God to help us trust Him for the mission he has given us. Ask God for the words to bring God's message into the world.



THE STORY: ISAIAH 8:11-16

FRIDAY

On the road to Emmaus.

This passage is directly quoted and attributed to Christ by Paul in Romans 9:33.

It is a description of Israel's unbelief. Jesus came to bring a spiritual salvation from sin and death. But Israel was looking for a political savior to restore the earthly kingdom. When Jesus, who many thought was the Messiah, would not become a political savior, He became the object of their unbelief and ridicule.

TALK ABOUT IT:

How was Jesus a stumbling stone for the people of Israel? *(Israel prided themselves on their obedience to the law and being God's chosen people. Jesus was bringing a different message. His righteousness comes not from keeping the law, but through faith, by grace, to all who would believe.)*

Is Jesus a stumbling stone or "offensive" to some today? *(Yes. When Jesus says that He is the only way to the father and eternal life, He offends many who would like to believe there are many ways to God. 1 Corinthians 1:18 tells us that the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God.)*

PRAY:

Ask God to open your eyes to the wisdom of the cross and its power to save us from our sins. Pray to God that you would never see the cross as foolishness and be offended by Jesus who said that He is the only way to the Father (John 14:6).