

“Moses: A regular guy with a really BIG impact” Exodus

Moses is regular person, with real struggles and limitations, just like the rest of us. He struggled with many things such as wondering how God could use him, being fearful that he could not speak well enough, and allowing his temper to get him into trouble. Yet, Moses was obedient to God and continued to pursue a deeper relationship with Him. Moses wanted to know God more and more, and he gave us a great example with his request to God, “Show me Your glory!” (Ex. 33:18) God wants to reveal Himself to us and He is the “rewarder of those who seek Him.” (Heb. 11:6)

Israel’s Timeline

2166 BC- Abraham

1876 BC- Jacob & 12 Sons enter Egypt

1446 BC- Exodus; 600k men (Ex. 12:37); *2 million* total

Moses

- “Moses” occurs 1768 times in OT/NT
- Parents: Amram & Jochabed
- Sister: Brother: Aaron; Miriam
- “Moses” means ‘to draw forth’
- Had self-image struggles; speech problems; anger issues
- 40 years in Midian

- Married Zipporah
- Two Sons: Gershom & Eliezer
- Burning Bush; Yahweh reveals Himself

- 10 Plagues & Passover
- Exodus- Led Israel out of Egypt

“The exodus is the most significant historical and theological event of the Old Testament.”

—Dr. Eugene H. Merrill, In *Kingdom of Priests*, p. 57

- Ten Commandments
- Sent spies into Canaan
- 40 years of wandering; all die except for Joshua and Caleb

- Was a close follower of God
- Mosaic Covenant- Deut. 29:1

- Raised up Joshua to lead Israel
- Saw the Promised Land, but did not enter
- Died on Mount Nebo at age 120
- Moses & Elijah- representing the OT Law & Prophecy, stood with Christ on Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:3)

Moses Seeks to Know God

1. God is speaking to us- are we listening to Him? (Ex. 33:7-11)
2. God knows us by name- have we responded to Him? (Ex. 33:12-17)
3. God want to reveal Himself to us- will we seek Him? (Ex. 33:18-23)

33:13 "...let me know Your ways, that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight..."

33:18 "...I pray You, show me Your glory!"

34:29-30 Moses face shone from being in God's presence

God's Glory

- "Glory" (*chabod*)- weight
- The manifestation of His divine attributes and perfections.
- An expression of His Holiness
- Display of His excellence

Quote: Warren Wiersbe

"Moses reflected the glory of God, but you and I may radiate the glory of God." See: 2 Cor. 3:18

Big Idea

God is a personal, relational God Who has created us to know Him fully and intimately, but I must SEEK after Him.

God's Promise

"I love those who love Me, and those who diligently seek Me will find Me." (Proverbs 8:17)

"...He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6b)

Applications

- See ourselves as God sees us
- See our circumstances- God is shaping our character
- Say "yes" to God's calling
- Boldly pursue our relationship with Him. Show me Your Glory!
- Look for "God sightings" this week (esp. with our children)

A Heartfelt Prayer, by A.W. Tozer

"O God, I have tasted Your goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need of further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. O God, the Triune God, I want to want You; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still.

"SHOW ME YOUR GLORY, I pray, so that I may know You indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within me. Say to my soul, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.' Then, give me grace to rise and follow You up from this misty lowland where I have wandered so long. In Jesus' name. Amen" (A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*, p. 20)