

OUTLINE • 7.1

I. Moses was a great man of God—he pursued God’s will for his life with tremendous dedication, but he also made some major mistake along the way.

A. He had a revelation of God’s will for his life but not a clue how to fulfill it.

B. God preserved Moses through the time of infanticide in Egypt.

C. God sent Moses directly to Pharaoh to supply his upbringing, education, and training (Ex. 2:11-15).

D. Scripture shows that Moses knew his heritage as a Jew:

In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father’s house three months: [21] And when he was cast out, Pharaoh’s daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. [22] And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. [23] And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

ACTS 7:20-23

E. Moses didn’t “find” himself among the Jews accidentally when he saw the Hebrew man being beaten; it was in his heart to be there.

II. Timing is everything!

And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: [25] For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

ACTS 7:24-25

A. This verse makes it crystal clear that Moses knew God had called him.

B. He thought the Jews would recognize how God had anointed him to rescue them, but he totally missed God’s timing and plan.

C. This is a critical piece of information.

D. Finding out God’s will for our lives is absolutely imperative.

E. God’s will for our lives involves His timing.

F. It isn’t hard to imagine that Moses assumed it would be his position and power that would allow him to bring deliverance to the Israelites.

G. But God doesn’t rely on the strength of man.

H. God was going to deliver the Israelites in a miraculous way so there would be no mistaking *who* saved them.

- III. Preparation time is never wasted time.
- A. A lot of people stumble upon God's will and think, *Okay God, I can take it from here.*
 - B. Using their own wisdom, they cause tremendous problems in the body of Christ.
 - C. God is going to call you to do something that is absolutely beyond your natural ability.
 - D. He wants to do things in a supernatural way, so it testifies of His glory and people will recognize His love for them.
 - E. Moses initially made the mistake of trying to get it done on his own.
 - F. We are just as eager today to get things done instead of waiting around.
 - i. We justify our impatience—in violation of Scripture—because it's convenient.
 - G. We make newly born-again movie stars, athletes, and politicians the star representatives of Christianity; we think we can use their clout to promote the Gospel, but it all backfires when they fall.

DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS • 7.1

1. It's important to know God's will for your life, but you also need to know what?

2. True or false: According to Acts 7:20-23, it was Moses' idea to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

3. True or false: Even though you can have the anointing of God on your life, you can still miss God's timing and plan.

4. Discussion question: Identify some times and situations in your life that you thought it only logical that the Lord would use your job or social position or status at church (i.e., being on the worship team) to accomplish mighty works. In what has that been true and not true?

5. God was going to deliver the Israelites in a miraculous way so there would be no _____ *who* saved them.

6. Discussion question: Why do you think preparation time is never wasted time?

7. God wants to do things in a supernatural way so it testifies of what?

8. What will people recognize?
- A. His love for them
 - B. That He can squash them
 - C. A new formula to approach God
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above

9. It was a mistake for Moses to initially do what?

SCRIPTURES • 7.1

EXODUS 1:15-16

And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiprah, and the name of the other Puah: [16] And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.

MATTHEW 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

EXODUS 2:11-15

And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. [12] And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. [13] And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? [14] And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. [15] Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

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GENESIS 15:13

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years.

GALATIANS 3:17

And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

EXODUS 12:40

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

ACTS 7:30

And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-30

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: [27] But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; [28] And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: [29] That no flesh should glory in his presence. [30] But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

1 TIMOTHY 3:6

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.