

THE LIFE OF MOSES
PART 2
"OUR WAY OR GOD'S?"

I. THE BACKGROUND

A. Difficult times Exodus 1:9-11

1. Slavery
2. Harsh treatment of the people

B. The birth of Moses Exodus 2:1-10

C. The adoption of Moses v.10

1. A name given
2. A destiny
3. A new way of life

II. THE TRAINING OF MOSES Acts 7:21,22

A. He was nurtured to become the Pharaoh v.21

B. He was educated to become the Pharaoh v.22

C. The result v.22

1. "he became a man of power in words"

2. "he became a man of power in deeds"
3. Moses had everything going for him

III. THE ACTIONS OF MOSES ACTS 7:23-29

A. "But when he was approaching the age of forty" v.23

B. "it entered his mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel" v.23

1. He saw them daily everywhere he went
2. This time was different in that, "it entered his mind to visit his brethren"

C. "He saw one of them being treated unjustly" v.24

1. Exodus 2:11 lets us know it was an Egyptian
2. "Unjustly"

D. "he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed" v.24

1. "took vengeance" =
2. "for the oppressed"

E. Moses is identifying with the injured Hebrew and not the Egyptian

F. Why? Notice what Moses thought v.25

1. "that his brethren understood"
2. "that God was granting them deliverance through him"

G. "but they did not understand"

1. =to understand immediately
2. What is wrong with Moses expecting that to happen?

IV. WHAT LED UP TO THIS ACTION BY MOSES? HEBREWS 11:24-26

A. It was the result of faith v.24

B. "he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter" v.24

1. "refused"= to reject, to disavow
2. "when he had grown up"

C. He was turning his back on his position

1. As son of Pharaoh's daughter he was in line for the throne

D. He was turning his back on his security

1. His financial security
2. His position was guaranteed

E. He was turning his back on pleasures v. 25

1. "passing" = for a time
2. "pleasures" = sin
3. "to enjoy"=full enjoyment
4. "choosing rather to endure ill treatment with the people of God"
5. enjoy vs. endure
6. "choosing" =to prefer, to take for oneself

F. He was turning his back on the riches of Egypt v. 26

1. The riches of Egypt were great
2. He believed the reproach of Christ to be greater
3. The insults and suffering Moses would face would be for the cause of Christ and for God's people
4. Such suffering he believed was more valuable than the treasures of Egypt
5. Why?

G. What do you think about Moses at this point?

1. You have to admire him
2. Then what is the problem?

V. THE FAILURE OF MOSES ACTS 7

A. He "struck down the Egyptian" v. 24

1. He hid the Egyptian's body in the sand. Why would he do that?
2. He thought that would be the end of it

B. The next day there is trouble Acts 7:26

1. Moses sees two Hebrews fighting with each other
2. He tried to reconcile them
3. "Why do you injure one another?"

C. "but the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him away" v. 27

1. "Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?"
2. Why would he say that?

3. "You do not mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday do you?"
4. What is wrong?

D. "At this remark, Moses fled and became an alien in the land of Midian" v. 29

1. Exodus 2:15
2. Why would Pharaoh want to kill Moses?

E. "he sat down by a well" Exodus 2:15

1. This man "powerful in word and deed" is alone and silent
2. He has been rejected by Pharaoh and the Egyptians.
3. He has been rejected by the Hebrews. Why did they reject him?
4. Moses feels like a failure at this point

VI. WHAT LED TO MOSES FAILURE?

A. He wanted to do God's will and thought he was doing it

1. God at some point had revealed to Moses that he would be their deliverer
Acts 7:25
2. The call of God is not the issue nor does it determine God's will for us

B. Moses was sincere in what he was seeking to accomplish

C. Moses acted with compassion

1. He had seen the mistreatment of the Hebrew people
2. He saw the mistreatment of the Hebrew on that day Exodus 2:11

C. Moses failed to ask God what His will was

1. His failure was in his timing, his method
2. No mention of any time in prayer asking God for His will and way
3. When you fail to seek God's will, you go on your own will and way

D. Moses was operating in the flesh and not the Spirit

1. This wasn't what God wanted but what Moses thought needed to happen
2. Did that Egyptian needed to be stopped?
3. But when he killed that Egyptian he was running on pure flesh

E. Moses failed because of his attitude

1. This was about Moses and not God
2. His will, his timing, his way
3. We can have good intentions and even be sincere in wanting to do what is right or needed (what we think)

F. Isn't it easy for us to do the same thing?

VII. LESSONS TO LEARN

A. Being sincere is not enough

B. Doing what we think is right is not enough

C. Going in the flesh will lead to failure

D. Seeking the will and way of God is the only way to success

E. Failure does not have to be final

1. If we have a teachable spirit
2. If we are willing to change

F. Sometimes, God will take us into a wilderness to do His work in us

1. Those are lonely times
2. Those are humbling times
3. Those are learning times
4. Those are some of the best of times
5. The best years are ahead for Moses and the people of God