

# WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 2:11-25--July 21st, 2024

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## **Sermon Recap:**

### **Purposes & Promises**

The Bible is not mainly about us; the Bible is mainly about God. You exist for God's purposes. God's providence over the events of Moses' life make that clear.

### **I. Lessons Learned**

#### **a. Choose This Day Who You Will Serve**

- Between v.10-11 we jump forty years into the future.
- God has brought Moses to a crossroads: on one side is Egypt and the life he has known; on the other side is Israel, his heritage and people.
- Moses "went out to look upon his people," choosing to forsake his past and identify with the Hebrews.
- We must consciously choose to identify with God's people, even when it causes us pain and suffering.

#### **b. Your Sins Will Find You Out**

- Seeing an Israelite being beat, Moses intervenes, murders the attacker, and hides the body.
- "God wanted to make sure that his people would be saved for his glory." Salvation comes by the mighty arm of God, not the frail hand of man.
- Word had spread and Moses actions were know. He was now...
  - A fugitive hunted by Pharaoh.
  - A man rejected by his own people.
- "Your sins will find you out" (Numbers 32:23. You must repent and deal with sin in Christ alone.

#### **c. Pride Comes Before the Fall**

- Moses' actions exhibited a proud heart: choosing autonomy, attempting to save God's people in his time, in his way.
- Autonomy, pride, and self-sufficiency are simply a reflection of our self-love and self-idolatry.
- "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).
- Moses fells and fled to Midian where he was taught empathy and humility.
- D.L. Moody, "Moses spent the first 40 years thinking he was somebody. He spent the second forty years learning he was a nobody. He spent his third 40 years discovering what God can do with a nobody."
- These 40 years in Midian were not wasted, they were sanctifying him for the last forty when he would lead and shepherd God's people through the wilderness to freedom.
- Just as God is the center of Moses' story, he is the center of your story.

### **II. Promises Remembered**

- Pharaoh has died and been replaced, but Israel still suffers, groans, and cries out to God.
- He hears, He sees, and He knows.
- He "remembers"- This does not imply that God has forgotten, rather, that is he ready to act on his promises.
- He prepared Moses for Israel; He has prepared Jesus Christ for you.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- What choice does Moses have to make in v.11? Do you think that was an easy choice? Why or why not?
- What can we learn about Moses from his defense of his oppressed brother?
- Was Moses' actions right?
- How is his heart revealed in those actions?
- What is the danger of that heart?
- What was the result of those actions?
- What did Moses learn in Midian? How did his life in Egypt contrast with his life in Midian?
- What was God doing in Moses' life in this passage?
- How was he specifically prepared for the last 40 years of his life?
- How did God respond to Israel's cries and groans?

## **Application:**

- Do you find yourself living in both "worlds?" Are there areas of your life where you are living or trusting in the old way of living before faith?
- Do you have hidden sins today? Find a trusted brother or sister in the church, confess those sins in repentance, and pray together, asking for forgiveness.
- Is your life marked by empathy and humility? How can you cultivate those traits? Ask a trusted brother or sister in the church (or spouse) if they witness these traits in you and how you may improve upon them?
- How is the truth of Christ as Deliverer real to you today?

