

Exodus 2 – Moses.

I. 1-10: Moses In Egypt.

Moses was born in a foreign country to parents under slavery; his father was Amram and his mother Jochebed. Moses had an older brother (Aaron) and an older sister (Miriam).

Pharaoh's decree was such that the boys are drowned. However, Moses' mother took care to put him in a waterproofed basket and strategically floated him in the river. **“In God's guidance, Pharaoh's daughter found baby Moses. She was conditioned by her culture and upbringing to reject the Hebrews, but the cry of baby Moses melted her heart.”** God arranged a way for Moses' mother to raise him and be paid for it in royalty.

Acts 7:22 - Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

Moses knew that Egypt wasn't his home and Pharaoh wasn't his real boss, that he was a Hebrew not destined for life there. **Moses was compassionate toward his people; he could not stand by while one of his fellow Israelites endured a beating.** He murdered and was rejected by his people (as a Prince he had the authority to judge).

Acts 7:23-25 - Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

II. (15-25) Moses In Midian.

The Midinites were nomads descending from Abraham through Keturah.

Moses fled, was out of touch with his family, didn't know his people's fate and God's master plan; from a palace to wilderness. He was used to be served; now he's going to learn to be a servant.

In Midian he's given a wife, Ziporah, they have a son, Gershom and he's assigned sheep.

“God did not turn His attention to Israel because they were such good people, but because of the covenant He made with them. He gives His love and attention to us on the same basis – the covenant relationship we have with God through Jesus.”

Moses was left to drown, he was saved and raised in royalty, he desired to rescue his brethren but murdered and fled, sits by a well, offers to help girls who were bullied by notorious shepherds and he is hooked to family that took him as an employee and gave him a wife...from everything to nothing...surely God's ways are amazing.

Moses is a picture of Jesus Christ: Miraculously preserved in childhood and mighty in words and deeds.

***Hebrews 11:23-26** - By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*

God delights to increase the faith of His children...I say, and say it deliberately--trials, difficulties and sometimes defeat, are the very food of faith...We should take them out of His hands as evidences of His love and care for us in developing more and more that faith which He is seeking to strengthen in us.
George Mueller.

During an especially trying time in the work of the China Inland Mission, Hudson Taylor wrote to his wife, "We have twenty-five cents--and all the promises of God!"

***1 John 2:15-17** - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*