

CAST OUT



Exodus 2:1-10, ESV – ¹¹ One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹² He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, “Why do you strike your companion?” ¹⁴ He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.

¹⁶ Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. ¹⁷ The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and saved them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸ When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, “How is it that you have come home so soon today?” ¹⁹ They said, “An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock.” ²⁰ He said to his daughters, “Then where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread.” ²¹ And Moses was content to dwell with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. ²² She gave birth to a son, and he called his name Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.”

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of October 6, 2019

Exodus 2:11-22

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This weekend we were reminded that we cannot save ourselves. Only God can save us. Why is this a difficult concept for people to understand and even more difficult to live out?

2 Moses was a smart, articulate, and capable person. Yet, he still had flaws and made mistakes. How can knowledge, abilities and talents become a stumbling block for people? How can a person avoid falling into the temptation of thinking they do not need God because of their own knowledge, abilities, and talents?

3 Describe a time you have relied on your own knowledge, ability, or talent to deal with a situation instead of trusting in God. What were the results? Contrast that experience with a similar experience in which you did trust God instead of yourself.

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Acts 7:22-25, ESV** – ²² And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds. ²³ "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. ²⁴ And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. ²⁵ He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.

4 Looking at the passage above, how does Moses react to the injustice he witnesses? Why did the Israelites react the way they did to Moses? Why does Moses' attempt to right a wrong 'back fire' on him?

5 Describe a time when you have attempted to right a wrong and it has 'back fired' on you. Why did it 'back fire' on you?

B **Acts 7:29-33, ESV** – ²⁹ At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. ³⁰ "Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. ³¹ When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord: ³² 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and did not dare to look. ³³ Then the Lord said to him, 'Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'

6 What did Moses give up when he fled Egypt? How did God use the forty years in Midian to prepare Moses for his return to Egypt?

7 Is God preparing you for something in the future? Explain. What needs to change in your life today, so that God can use you for His purpose in the future?

C **Acts 7:34-36, ESV** – ³⁴ I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.' ³⁵ "This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?'—this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶ This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

8 How does Moses' feelings toward the Israelite's suffering compare with God's feelings? How is the manner in which Moses first dealt with his feelings different from the manner in which God deals with His feelings?

9 When reading passages about Moses prior to the actual exodus, what changes had to occur for him to become available and useable by God?

10 Would you describe yourself as having a spirit of pride or a spirit of humility? Explain?

TAKING IT HOME

When God calls us to do something, we can proceed one of two ways. We can proceed by relying on our own knowledge, ability, and strength, or we can humbly do as God directs while allowing Him to lead. The first method will 'blow up' in our face. The second method will always bring about God's plan and bring glory to Him. Where are you being used in God's plan? If you're not sure, pray and ask God to show you anything in your life that is hindering your availability to Him. Share with your group or accountability partner and pray for God's power in your life to bring about rejoicing and fearlessness.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Heb 11:24-26