

Lessons from Moses – first 80 years

**God is always up to something in your life and mine;
because he knows the beginning from the end,
He is the best manager for all that is in between.**

Text: Ex 2, 3 and 4

1:22 – 2:10

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Man's inhumanity to man (sin) is nothing new;
the Good News is:

- To God our lives are precious from conception to the grave
- His plan for us starts when we are in diapers
- His ways are not our ways, He even has a sense of humour;
He used the enemy (Pharaoh) to save and educate Moses...
- He places great value on the role of the mother...
Moses' mother received paid maternity leave from the government.

2:11,12

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Formal education is necessary; so is the school of hard knocks.

- “Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.” (Acts 7:22)
- Moses was very concerned about social justice but he had to learn to do it in God’s way and time.
- God even uses our blunders to accomplish His plan; He has short term and long term plans.
- Even as a fugitive, Moses has a shepherd’s heart to defend the vulnerable and the weak
- Through a routine daily circumstance, God provided a wife (Zipporah) and employment for Moses.
- Moses became a shepherd for the next 40 years!

Ex 3:1-4...

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Moses' last career change turns out to be the best thing that ever happened to him in spite of his stubbornness.

- The burning bush: God puts his own twist on an ordinary phenomenon to get Moses' attention. This was a sign, a wonder, a miracle.
- His first reaction is good: "Here I am". Then the questions begin.
 1. If they ask your name, what will I say?
Answer: "I am who I am" (or "I will be who I will be") I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 2. "What if they do not believe me?" (4:1)
Answer: staff-snake hand-leprous water-blood
 3. But God, this is going to involve public speaking and I'm not good at that.
Answer: Did I not create your mouth? Now get moving and I'll be there for you.
 4. I'm sorry God but please send someone else.
Answer: I'm going to put your brother with you to be your spokesman.

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Conclusion

- Thanks be to God for His patience, His grace, His fatherly heart.
- His eyes are on us from birth.
- Man proposes and God disposes.
- When we do not accomplish God's plan A, He often has a "back-up" or Plan B.