

January 12th, 2014

## GOING DEEPER

### LIFE LESSONS FROM MOSES – USED BY GOD

### “THE DESERT SCHOOL”

- Read Exodus 2:11-25, Exodus 3:1 and Acts 7:23-29. Describe in your own words what took place in Midian. Why was it so important for Moses to wait on God?

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- Someone has said “Failure is the back door to success”. Can you identify other Bible characters and their experience of failure?

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- What insights on developing patience does James 1:2-5 provide?

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- Moses had many lessons to learn at the school of the desert. When reflecting on the different professors/courses mentioned in the sermon, which ones are needed by you given your current circumstances and realities in life?

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## Exodus 2:11-25

11. One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.
12. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
13. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"
14. The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."
15. When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.
16. Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock.
17. Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.
18. When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"
19. They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."
20. "And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."
21. Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.
22. Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."
23. During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.
24. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.
25. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.