

Moses... Birth of a Deliverer

— week 1



Reminder: There are reasons to unearth our past.

- ♦ *The more you know the Bible the more it makes sense and the more joy there is in reading it.*
- ♦ *God reveals Himself through the events and people of our past.*
- ♦ *History always repeats itself so we can learn from our mistakes and successes.*

Opening...

Share a time when you took a risk and encountered a “roadblock.” What was the outcome?

Big Idea...

We must believe that even though the world is a mess...

- ♦ The fate of this world is in God’s Hand. God’s kingdom comes through his Divine intervention in the world.
- ♦ The fate of this world is in my hands. God’s kingdom comes through His people acting faithfully and decisively in the world on His behalf.

The story continues...

Read: Exodus 1 and 2 in two different versions of the Bible.

- ♦ What stands out to you? What surprises you?
- ♦ With whom do you most relate in the stories? Why?
- ♦ Who showed the most trust in God?

Exodus 1... Slavery...midwives ... Pharaoh’s edict

- ♦ Where in the story do you see God’s Divine intervention?
- ♦ Where do you see the actions of God’s people impacting the outcome?

Exodus 2... Birth of Moses and his “salvation”

- ♦ Where in the story do you see God’s Divine intervention?
- ♦ Where do you see the actions of God’s people impacting the outcome?

"This story isn't about passive dependence on God. It's not about sitting around and leaving every-thing to divine intervention. It's a story that shows us that we should be realistically assessing the circumstances, making plans that seem the best under those circumstances, doing the best we can do to fulfill that plan, and then, after working as hard as we can at doing what we believe God has told us to do, leaving the remaining details and the results of our hard, difficult work to God. Faith is trusting God enough to willing wait to "see what might happen." Faith is trusting that anything from the hand of God is exactly what I need."

Dave Rodriguez

Read the following passages twice.

"For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm. The LORD foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations." Psalm 33:9-11

"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands."
Psalm 138:7-8

- ♦ In what life circumstances do you need to be reminded of God's purposes? Do you have the heart to believe that God is working? What reminders do you need to trust that God is "for you?"
- ♦ Of what current circumstance do you need to let go? Do you have the faith to give it to God? What ways can the group help you take the necessary faith step?
- ♦ In what current circumstance do you need to take action? Do you have the courage to act? What ways can the group help you to take action?

Pray together as a group...

Pray for each person to trust God's purposes in his/her life. Pray for each person to have courage to act where they need to. Thank God for the care of His people – YOU. Thank God for giving you the Holy Spirit to guide and direct your steps... as you trust in Him.

*Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen;
it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.
Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.
Hebrews 11:1-2 (New Living Translation)*