

THE ARTISAN SOUL—1 NO ORDINARY CHILD

“Then ‘a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt.’¹⁹ He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our forefathers by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.²⁰ “At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father’s house.²¹ When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.²² Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.²³ “When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites.²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.²⁶ The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’²⁷ “But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’²⁹ When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.³⁰ “After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.³¹ When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord’s voice:³² ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.’ Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.³³ “Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.³⁴ I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.’” Acts 7:18-34

TALK IT OVER

- List some unique and creative abilities that God has given you.
- If you don't feel like you are living an extraordinary life, what do you think is holding you back?
- Talk about some extraordinary goals you have and what you can do to move toward them.

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