

Showdown in Egypt – Part 3 *Failure Doesn't Have to Stop You*

Message to Conversation Guide

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 Looking 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?” Reuel 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 a foreigner in a foreign land.” (See **Ex. 2:23-25**)

Discussion Questions

1. Moses’ life and Jesus’ ministry and life run a parallel course. How does this text support this concept? What things were similar in Moses’ life and Jesus’ life?

Deut. 18:15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

2. Scant information is given about Moses’ childhood; he was a baby and then a man in the biblical text (**Ex. 2:11**). What does this teach us about the quick passing of time raising our kids? Read and discuss quotes below:

“Sometimes, you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”

—Dr. Seuss

“You have a lifetime to work, but children are only young once.” —Polish Proverb

3. Spending quality time with our kids can minimize rebellion during their adolescence. Discuss the statement and principle below:

Maximizing the relationship with your kids when they are young minimizes the rebellion later.

Rules – Relationship = Rebellion

Rules + Relationship = Respect

4. During Moses' childhood he was educated in the ways of the Egyptians. What type of Education did he receive in Egypt? What was this preparing him for?

Acts 7:22

*22 Moses was **educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians** and was powerful in speech and action. NIV (see *Daniel 1:3-5*)*

Hebrews 11:24-27

*24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 **He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.** 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. NIV (see *Heb 11:23, 28*)*

5. Moses was drawn to his people to help them according to **Exodus 2:11**. Discuss the powerful pull toward biological family? How does this practically play out in the real world? Discuss our pull toward our spiritual family after we become believers.

Acts 21:4

***4 We sought out the disciples there** and stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. NIV (see *1 John 1:7*)*

6. Moses' attack on the abusive Egyptians shows his rage against injustice but also his struggle with anger. God's purposes and plans are not achieved by a militant and angry spirit. Read verses below and discuss.

James 2:19-20

*19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to **speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.** NIV*

Proverbs 22:24-26

24 *Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person,
do not associate with one easily angered,*