

**50+ Class – All Saints Presbyterian Church**  
**Winter-Spring 2021**  
**The Life of Moses**  
Week 4 – Lessons in Midian

**Introduction**

**Preparation is a Process**

Psalm 119

<sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. ...

<sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

Your failure can encourage your obedience (v67) and teachability (v71).

**Lessons from Failure**

Exodus 2

<sup>15</sup> ... *Moses fled* from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of *Midian*. And he sat down by a well.

Spiritual/Godly ends aren't had by carnal means.

God's timing flows towards results. Man's timing forces and frustrates.

Spiritual leadership is led by the Spirit, not earned by the flesh.

Exodus 2

<sup>16</sup> Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came and drew water and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup> The shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and ***saved them***, and ***watered their flock***.

Spiritual maturity includes a servant's heart.

Exodus 2

<sup>18</sup> When they came home to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come home so soon today?" <sup>19</sup> They said, "An Egyptian ***delivered us*** out of the hand of the shepherds and even drew water for us and watered the flock." <sup>20</sup> He said to his daughters, "Then ***where is he?*** Why have you left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread." <sup>21</sup> And Moses was ***content to dwell with the man***, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah. <sup>22</sup> She gave birth to a son, and he called his name ***Gershom***, for he said, "I have been a sojourner<sup>[d]</sup> in a foreign land."

Spiritual maturity includes being content with obscurity.

## Exodus 2

<sup>23</sup> During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and **cried out for help**. Their cry for rescue from slavery **came up to God**. <sup>24</sup> And God **heard** their groaning, and God **remembered** his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> God **saw** the people of Israel—and God **knew**.

Spiritual maturity rests and relies on God.

## Psalms 103

<sup>13</sup> *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.* <sup>14</sup> *For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.*

## **The Desert**

### Deuteronomy 32

<sup>10</sup> *“He found him in a **desert land**, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. <sup>11</sup> Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, <sup>12</sup> the LORD **alone guided him**, no foreign god was with him.*

### Deuteronomy 8

<sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your **God has led you these forty years** in the wilderness, that he might **humble you, testing you** to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

God brings us to the desert to **refine us**, not to ruin us.

### Acts 7

<sup>28</sup> Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ <sup>29</sup> At this retort *Moses fled and became **an exile** in the land of **Midian***, where he became the father of two sons. <sup>30</sup> *“Now when **forty years** had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.*

Q & A / Discussion

Next Week: *Holy Horeb! Burning Bushes!* – Exodus 3