

# KILLING MOSES



## Part 3

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### Exodus 4:24–26 (NLT)

*<sup>24</sup> On the way to Egypt, at a place where Moses and his family had stopped for the night, the LORD confronted him and was about to kill him. <sup>25</sup> But Moses' wife, Zipporah, took a flint knife and circumcised her son. She touched his feet with the foreskin and said, "Now you are a bridegroom of blood to me." <sup>26</sup> (When she said "a bridegroom of blood," she was referring to the circumcision.) After that, the LORD left him alone.*

*"I commanded you, "Let my son go, so he can worship me." But since you have refused, I will now kill your firstborn son!" "* (Exodus 4:23, NLT)

#### TWO QUESTIONS:

##### 1) Why would God kill Moses for this "little" sin?

A: Our earthly life only has value to the extent that we are fulfilling our eternal purpose.

*"They are my people— I created each of them to bring honor to me." (Isaiah 43:7, CEV)*

*"I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began." (John 17:4–5, NLT)*

##### 2) Why did God make such a big deal out of such a little thing?

A: Because it takes more than a great CALLING or great COMPETENCE to fulfill a great mission; we must also have great CHARACTER.

## HOW TO FORM GODLY CHARACTER

### 1. I MUST BUILD A LIFE OF COMMITMENT.

*"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul." (Deuteronomy 10:12, NLT)*

#### *The 5 Commitments of a Difference-Maker*

- I must commit my LIFE TO JESUS CHRIST (BAPTISM).
- I must commit to connect with HIS PEOPLE (CLASS 101/SMALL GROUP).

- I must commit to continual **GROWTH** (CLASS 201).
- I must commit to use my **TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE** for God's work (CLASS 301).
- I must commit to **SHARE** the gospel wherever He sends me (CLASS401).

## 2. I MUST **CONFORM** TO GOD'S COMMANDMENTS.

*"And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, 'I know God,' but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him." (1 John 2:3–5, NLT)*

Obedience is doing WHAT God says, WHEN God says, the WAY God says,  
with the right heart ATTITUDE.

*"...The little foxes that spoil the vines..." (Song of Solomon 2:15, NKJV)*

### **WHAT ARE SECRET SINS THAT TAKE OUT MOST CHRISTIANS?**

#### 1) **GREED.**

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains." (1 Timothy 6:10, HCSB)*

#### 2) **IMPURITY.**

*"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work." (2 Timothy 2:21, NLT)*

#### 3) **TOXICITY.**

*"Be careful that no one is deprived of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness should begin to grow and make trouble; this can poison a large number." (Hebrews 12:15, NJB)*

## 3. I MUST LIVE A LIFE OF **CONSISTENCY**.

*"So Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him, 'If you continue to obey my teaching, you are truly my followers.'" (John 8:31, NCV)*

*"Be sure you continue to follow the teaching you heard from the beginning. If you continue to follow what you heard from the beginning, you will stay in the Son and in the Father." (1 John 2:24, NCV)*

**ACTION STEPS:**  
**SUPER CLASS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY**