

Life After Failure

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Bible Passage: Exodus 2:11-22

Introduction:

We make our choices, and our choices turn around and make us.

Big Idea: God's ways are not always our _____, but His ways can always be _____.

#1- Experiencing GOD'S WAY OUT avoids _____ of Him in the journey (11-15)

- Verse 11 says, "One day, after Moses had grown up." That means _____ years had passed between verse 10 and verse 11.
- Compare Exodus 2:11 & Hebrews 11:24
 - Moses had to say " _____ " to Pharaoh's daughter to say " _____ " to God.
- Getting ahead of God's way and going our own way always leads to _____.
- **LIFE INSIGHT:**
 - #1-God knows what He is doing, even when nothing around us makes sense (Moses was at a place of leadership where he could make a difference).
 - #2-God was at work through the failure (The impulsive reaction of Moses)!
 - #3- God can work (bring redemption) through our impulsive behavior but it will be costly and painful.

#2- _____ God in the aftermath of failure and hardship is vital in the journey (16-22)

- When Moses escaped Egypt, God brought him to a place of _____. (v 15-17).
 - Moses controlled his emotions and handled the rude shepherds with a righteous _____.
 - Healing followed the _____ of emotional responses.
- CRAZY INSIGHT----In leaving the only home he had ever known, Moses had come _____ (18-22)

- It seems like God had forgotten him. It might seem like God was punishing him. **In reality, God was preparing him for his _____.**

Truth Into Action:

- Moses got ahead of God. Are you willing to wait for God or are you on the fast-track racing down the *way that appears right to you*? **(PLEASE READ Proverbs 14:12)**
- All of us will spend some time in the wilderness. Here is the question we must face: **Are you willing to worship God after failure-loss-hardship-hurt?**

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Tell your group about one or two events that have significantly changed your life (your wedding day, graduation, birth of a child, car accident, etc). When those events happened, did you see them as allowed by God? How so?

1. What privileges and opportunities would come to the child growing up in Pharaoh's household? Given the miraculous result of that plan, how could Moses have come to know about the perils and hardships of his people and the traditions of their past? In light of his growing up in this way, with whom did Moses identify? (v 2:11)
2. What was the result of Moses taking matters into his own hands? Whom did Moses leave out of his equation? Have you ever tried to accomplish what you perceived to be God's will in your way? What was the result? What have you learned from those experiences?
3. As you read about the actions of Moses' family, does it seem more likely to you that it was a strategic plan for Moses to be found or an attempt to hide him? Does it make a difference in the big picture either way? Why or why not?
4. Acts 7:17-30 and Hebrews 11:22-29 contain extended descriptions of this period of Moses' life. What insights do they offer into Exodus 2? Specifically, how does the description in Hebrews 11:25-26 explain Moses' inner convictions?
5. Discuss this statement shared in the introduction to the sermon: ***We make our choices, and our choices turn around and make us.*** (Do you agree? If so, how have you seen it played out in your life?)

Closing Prayer: Father God, I make so many decisions. I am keenly aware of how bad or poor choices take me down a destructive path. Rid my life of impulsive reactions and guide me to the place You want me to be. Let my heart song be one of gratitude and worship to You for your hand in my life. Help my life to be characterized by LONG OBEDIENCE to You. In Jesus sweet name I ask this.