

Courageous Faith

Part 4—Becoming A Leader, Overcoming Your Past

- God turns failures into _____

1. Born into Poverty.

- A couple from the tribe of Levi had a son—_____
 - She abandoned him to _____

2. Raised in Prosperity.

- Moses was discovered by Pharaoh's daughter and raised as _____ in wealth and splendor
 - His heart, however, was with the people of _____
 - He fled from Pharaoh into the wilderness of Sinai and came to the outpost of _____

3. Sent into Obscurity.

- Moses remained in Midian for _____ years

Exodus 2:24-25—²⁴God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them. (NIV)

- And then, God _____ Moses

Exodus 3:1-3—¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush

was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” (NIV)

- God explained what _____ doing during Moses' time of discouragement

Exodus 3:7-8—⁷Then the LORD told him, “I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and lead them out of Egypt into their own fertile and spacious land. It is a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. (NLT)

- What came next _____ him

Exodus 3:10—¹⁰It's time for you to go back: I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring My people, the People of Israel, out of Egypt. (MSG)

- The excuses began flowing:
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Exodus 3:11—¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” (NIV)

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Exodus 3:13—¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” (NIV)

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Exodus 4:1—¹Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you’?” (NIV)

- Finally, Moses stopped making excuses and listened—God had _____ to him

Exodus 4:11—¹¹The LORD said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?” (NIV)

- God wanted to use Moses with all of his limitations and failures so that He gets the _____ not us

4. Returned in Victory.

- He knew he’d have to rely on _____
- He had not only conquered Pharaoh, but he had also conquered _____ and his _____

Action Steps . . .

- Practice courageous faith
- Declare: “I will not quit!”