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# **Destiny Conference**

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### **OBSTACLES WE FACE IN FULFILLING OUR PURPOSE**

Moses is an example of overcoming. (There are many)

Exodus 2:1-15

- Primary and secondary purpose remain under assault.

### **EXODUS 2:1-4 (NKJV)**

Moses' life was threatened early.

- Pharaoh was threatened by the growing population of Hebrews.
- He ordered the babies to be killed.
  - o Herod did the same when Jesus was born.

Early in our lives there will be dream killers, vision assassins, hope stealers & snatchers.

### **MOSES WAS RAISED IN AN UNGODLY HOME**

Exodus 2:5-10 (NKJV)

- It's hard being a Christian? It's hard raising children in this culture? You're praying to get a job with Christians?
- Stop making excuses! Go and be a light in the midst of the darkness.

- 1 John 4:4

*“Greater is he that’s in you...”*

No more excuses! We are victors regardless.

## **MOSES EXPERIENCED FAILURE**

Exodus 2:11-12 (NKJV)

- It came into his heart that he was the deliverer.
  - o It wasn’t God’s will for him to kill one Egyptian.
  - o God had a plan (Red Sea drowning)
  - o His plan was not picking them off one by one.

Failure is part of the human condition.

- You must repent & recover.
- Failing doesn’t make us failures. How we respond determines the outcome.
- Proverbs 24:16

*“a just man falls seven times...”*

- Success in your purpose will be determined by your capacity to overcome setbacks & get up again.

## **MOSES OVERCAME REJECTION**

Exodus 2:13-14 (NKJV)

- Rejection is one of the deepest wounds of the heart.
  - o It can make or break you.
- Jesus was rejected by his own.

- John 1:11; Isaiah 53:3
- Matthew 10:24-26 (NKJV)
- Ephesians 1:6
  - “accepted in the beloved...”*
- Romans 8:31

*“if God is for us...”*

## **MOSES OVERCAME FEAR**

Exodus 2:15 (NKJV)

- Hebrews 11:27

*“It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt. Not fearing the king’s anger... “*

- He kept going because he kept his eyes on the One who was invincible.

Fear attacks our purpose, but we overcome by faith.

## **4 KINDS OF FEAR**

1. Fear of failure.
2. Fear of faces.

- Proverbs 29:25

*“The fear of man brings a snare but whoso puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe...”*

### 3. Fear of foes.

- I Corinthians 16:9

*“For a great door has opened, and there are many adversaries...”*

### 4. Fear of fences.

- Natural obstacles.
  - o Example: Starting over, going back to school.

## **MOSES DISCOVERED DEPENDENCY ON GOD**

Acts 7:22 (NLT)

*“Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians & was powerful in both speech & action.”*

Exodus 4:10 (NLT)

*“I’m not very good with words... I get tongue-tied & my words get tangled.”*

40 years of preparation herding 4-legged sheep & 40 years herding 2-legged sheep...(people)

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NKJV)

- God’s Grace is sufficient.
- Acknowledge human weakness, accept the power of Grace.