

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 4-26-26
Christianity 103 – Message 7 Part 5
Stephen speaks truth to the religious leaders.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) God worked through a famine to bring about reconciliation between Joseph and his family.
- 2) The issue of unforgiveness is a problem.
- 3) Symptoms of unforgiveness:
 - a) Bitterness and resentment. Hebrews 12:15
 - b) Anger and hostility. Ephesians 4:31
 - c) Difficulty in relationships. I John 4:20
 - d) Stop growing spiritually. Matthew 6:13-14.
 - e) Physical and emotional distress.
 - f) A hardened heart and a critical spirit.

4) What is forgiveness?

- a) Forgiveness – by faith releasing the debt, canceling the debt, and then choosing daily, if necessary, to not remember it against them anymore.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) We are moving from Joseph to Moses.
- 2) Jacob and his family moved to Egypt.
- 3) A new king came into power that did not know Joseph.
- 4) Moses' story starts within the context of babies being killed.

2. God protected Moses. Acts 7:20-25

a. God can work in and through any circumstance.

- 1) Verse 20 –
 - a) Amram and Jochebed, Moses' parents, were moved by faith in having children.
 - b) Hebrews 11:23 –

b. God can work in and through any person.

- 1) Verse 21 –
 - a) Pharaoh's daughter adopts Moses.
 - b) God's plan –
- 2) The Lord knew that Moses would be safer in Pharaoh's house.
 - a) There he would have security, education, religion, culture and learn leadership.

3) Why is God doing this?

4) Application – What do you see here, believer?

- a) Is God able to work in and through every circumstance and situation in your life?
- b) We know He is but –

c. Moses has grown into manhood.

- 1) For 40 years Moses has been raised in Pharaoh's house.
- 2) Verse 23 –
 - a) Moses decided to go see his brothers.
- 3) Verse 24 –
 - a) Moses killed an Egyptian. Exodus 2:11-12.

d. Did Moses know his purpose at this time?

- 1) Verse 25 –
 - a) Moses knew that he was a Hebrew and not an Egyptian.

3. We need to evaluate something here as believers.

- a. Two important things to note in Moses' time of preparation.
- b. First is Acts 7:25.
 - 1) Somehow God would use him to deliver His people.
 - 2) Application – Believer, do you know what your purpose is?
- c. Second is Hebrews 11:24-26.
 - 1) “By faith Moses, when he was come to years” –
 - 2) “refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter” –
 - a) Egypt is a picture of the world. Moses separates himself from the world.
 - b) Application – if you are going to serve the Lord, you must separate yourself from the world.
 - 3) “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God” –
 - a) Moses chooses to suffer with God’s people.
 - b) Acts 4:29 –
 - 4) “than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” –
 - a) This is the deal breaker for most Christians. What is that?
 - b) Unwilling to suffer, to sacrifice the things of this world for the sake of the call To Make Him Known.
 - c) What happens when the pleasure of sin for season is over?
 - 5) “Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.”
 - a) Even though it might bring suffering, Moses saw more value in standing with and for God than in what he could gain in riches in Egypt.
 - b) Application –
 - 6) “for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.”
 - a) His eyes were fixed on the treasure that lay ahead instead of the treasure of this life.
 - b) II Corinthians 4:17-18 –
- d. Why did we revisit this story?
 - 1) Stories like this have an impact on our hearts causing us to re-evaluate choices we make.
- e. Why did Stephen talk about this period in Moses' life?
 - 1) No person could rescue them, and the situation seemed hopeless.
 - 2) There is a parallel to consider today.
 - 3) The only hope that any of them had, then and even today, is Jesus.
 - 4) God tried to help the Israelites see how much He cared for them.
- 4. Today’s Takeaway:
 - a. Are you still battling any unforgiveness?
 - b. Do you believe that God is able to work in and through any circumstance in your life?
 - c. Moses separated himself from the world.
 - d. God is still working through His Son today to rescue those who are bound by their sin.