

Southside Baptist Church  
Sunday Morning – 5-10-26  
Christianity 103 – Message 7 Part 6  
Stephen speaks truth to the religious leaders.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Do you have a clear conscience before the Lord this morning?
  - a) Why ask this question?
  - b) Where does God find you this morning?
- 2) Faith includes believing that God can work in and through any circumstance or person.
- 3) Moses came to understand his purpose. Hebrews 11:24-26
  - a) Every believer has a purpose, a calling on their life.
  - b) Moses made several hard choices by faith.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Why is Stephen sharing the story of Moses?
  - a) The only hope the Israelites had in Egypt was God.
  - b) The only hope the Jews had that day was that God had sent His Son as the Messiah.
  - c) The only hope you have today is still the same.

2. Moses' training begins. Acts 7:29

a. Moses flees for his life.

- 1) Most believers are familiar with the main parts of this story.

b. What is Moses' spiritual maturity at this time?

- 1) Moses had chosen to separate from the world and stand with God's people.
  - a) Was Moses ready to lead?
- 2) Midian became the place where Moses would mature.
- 3) What did Moses know about God and how God moves?
- 4) Application – Midian becomes the place where you see God teaching/disciplining Moses.
- 5) Spiritual immaturity is only a problem for those who should be spiritually mature.
  - a) Ephesians 4:14 – “That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”
  - b) There are important things to remember from this verse.
  - c) What remedies the issue of being “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine.”

c. What if Moses had said no?

- 1) Two things to remember here –
- 2) Midian is a place that some try to avoid.
- 3) Application – Is this an area where you are saying no to God?

d. My Midian takeaways:

- 1) Midian doesn't have to be somewhere far away.
- 2) Midian is a place of teaching and growing.
- 3) Midian could be an event, situation, a disappointment, or a health condition.
- 4) Midian could be anything that forces you into a period where you and God become intimately involved in a way you had not previously known Him.
- 5) Midian Principle – when you get alone with God often the result is change.

3. Moses encounters God. Acts 7:30-36

a. God speaks from a burning bush.

1) Moses realizes he is not alone.

2) Application – some things need to be considered here.

b. God spoke to Moses from within the bush. Acts 7:31-34

1) God told Moses to take off his shoes. Verse 33

2) God has seen all that is happening and is sending Moses. Verse 34.

c. What is the value of a soul?

1) Why even consider this?

2) Every human soul is precious because it was created in the image of God.

3) We are the object of God's love.

4) The soul is immortal; it will exist forever, either in fellowship with God or separated from Him.

5) The price paid for the redemption of souls underscores their infinite worth.

d. God called him and God was with him. Acts 7:35

1) From the account in Exodus 3, you find that Moses was struggling with going.

e. Midian principle 2:

1) Moses was learning what it means to practice the presence of God.

2) What does it mean to practice the presence of God?

a) Living by faith in the fact that God Himself is personally with you in His holiness, love, and power. It is counting that fact as true, regardless of feelings, circumstances, or the opinion of others.

4. Today's Takeaways:

a. Do you have a clear conscience before the Lord?

b. Midian is a place where you see God teaching/disciplining Moses.

c. Are you practicing the presence of God in your life?