

MAKING A MURDERER

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Moses The Success

*At that time Moses was born, and he was **no ordinary child**. For three months he was cared for by his family. When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. Moses was **educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians** and was **powerful in speech and action**.*

Acts 7:20-22 (NIV)

Moses The Murderer

*When Moses was **forty years old**, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by **killing the Egyptian**.*

Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, "Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?"

But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?"

*When Moses heard this, **he fled to Midian, where he settled** as a foreigner and had two sons. **Acts 7:23-29 (NIV)***

*Now 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 wilderness and came to Horeb, **the mountain of God**. **Exodus 3:1 (NIV)***

*There 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. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." **Exodus 3:2-3 (NIV)***

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

*Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. **Exodus 3:4-6 (NIV)***

*And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. *I am sending you* to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt. **Exodus 3:9-10 (NIV)***

Excuses We Make To God:

- **"Who am I?"**

*But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" **Exodus 3:11 (NIV)***

- **"What if they don't believe me?"**

*"What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" **Exodus 4:1 (NIV)***

- **"Lord, I have never been eloquent."**

*"Moses said to the LORD, "Pardon your servant, Lord. *I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.*" **Exodus 4:10 (NIV)***

- **"Lord, please send someone else."**

*But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. *Please send someone else.*" **Exodus 4:13 (NIV)***

Three things we can learn from Moses' situation:

God's assignments will often **scare you!**

God's assignments will often be bigger than what you can accomplish **on your own!**

If you could accomplish God's assignment by yourself, **you wouldn't need faith in God.**

