

## The Benefit of Waiting on God!

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#### Exodus 2:11–24 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Many years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup> After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand.

<sup>13</sup> The next day, when Moses went out to visit his people again, he saw two Hebrew men fighting. “Why are you beating up your friend?” Moses said to the one who had started the fight.

<sup>14</sup> The man replied, “Who appointed you to be our prince and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?” Then Moses was afraid, thinking, “Everyone knows what I did.”

<sup>15</sup> And sure enough, Pharaoh heard what had happened, and he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in the land of Midian. When Moses arrived in Midian, he sat down beside a well.

<sup>16</sup> Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters who came as usual to draw water and fill the water troughs for their father’s flocks.

<sup>17</sup> But some other shepherds came and chased them away. So Moses jumped up and rescued the girls from the shepherds. Then he drew water for their flocks.

<sup>18</sup> When the girls returned to Reuel, their father, he asked, “Why are you back so soon today?”

<sup>19</sup> “An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds,” they answered. “And then he drew water for us and watered our flocks.”

<sup>20</sup> “Then where is he?” their father asked. “Why did you leave him there? Invite him to come and eat with us.”

<sup>21</sup> Moses accepted the invitation, and **he settled there with him.** In time, **Reuel** gave Moses his daughter **Zipporah** to be his wife.

**PRINCIPLE: YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SMALL FOR GOD TO USE, BUT YOU CAN BE TOO BIG!**

[John 3:30 \(NKJV\)](#) “He must increase, but I *must* decrease.”

[John 3:30 \(TPT\)](#) “So it’s necessary for him to increase and for me to be diminished.”

[Genesis 15:12–13 \(NLT\)](#) “Then the LORD said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for **400 years.**”

[Exodus 12:40 \(NLT\)](#) “The people of Israel had lived in Egypt for **430 years.**”

**WHY DOES GOD MAKE US WAIT ON HIM?**

- While we are waiting, He is working!

**PRINCIPLE: IT’S IN THE WAITING WHERE GOD IS DOING HIS DEEPEST WORK IN US!**

**PRINCIPLE: WHEN WE GET AHEAD OF GOD WE END UP HURTING PEOPLE AND MAKING A MESS OUT OF THINGS!**

**PRINCIPLE: PREPARATION IS KEY TO LONG TERM SUCCESS!**

[1 Timothy 3:6 \(NLT\)](#) “A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall.”

**LIFE POINT:**

- **Waiting doesn't mean your life is on hold.**
- **Waiting doesn't mean you don't work.**
- **Waiting is where real character and integrity are discovered!**

**PRINCIPLE: PEOPLE THAT ARE WILLING TO WAIT CAN BE TRUSTED!**