

## DAY 10 — Moses (Part 1): Identity Before Calling



### Aim of Today's Study

To see how courageous faith begins long before clarity—formed through identity, shaped in tension and waiting, and anchored in trusting God's unseen promises rather than visible security.

### Anchor Passage

#### Hebrews 11:23–26

By faith, Moses was preserved, chose to identify with God's people over Egypt's privilege, and valued God's future reward above present comfort.

### Study Passages

- **Exodus 1–2** — Moses' birth, preservation, confusion, and flight
- **Hebrews 11:23–26** — Faith rooted in identity and eternal perspective
- **1 Peter 2:9–10** — Identity as God's chosen people
- **Philippians 3:7–11** — Valuing Christ above worldly gain

### Summary for the Day

Moses' story reminds us that courageous faith often begins **before clarity arrives**—and sometimes in the middle of confusion. Before Moses ever stood before Pharaoh or parted the Red Sea, his identity was being formed through faithful parents, moral tension, failure, and years of obscurity.

Hebrews tells us that Moses' parents acted by faith when they hid him, trusting God's unseen purposes over Pharaoh's visible power. That early act of courage shaped Moses long before he understood his role. Later, Moses faced a defining choice: embrace Egypt's security and status, or identify with God's oppressed people and uncertain promises.

Moses chose identity before assignment. He walked away from privilege not because the future was clear, but because God was trustworthy. Hebrews says he made that choice because he was “looking ahead to the reward.” His courage was rooted in eternity, not immediate outcomes.

Moses’ life also reminds us that faith does not eliminate struggle. His early attempt to act ended in failure and flight. Forty years in the wilderness followed—years God used to shape his heart, humility, and dependence. Courage grew slowly, forged in waiting, not instant success.

Courage over clarity means trusting who God says you are—even when you don’t yet know where He is leading. Like Moses, we are invited to loosen our grip on false security and allow God to form our identity before revealing our assignment.

### **Life Application: Identity Before Direction**

Courage does not begin with a detailed plan—it begins with belonging to God. We often want clarity before obedience, but God frequently shapes identity first. Like Moses, we may find ourselves between worlds—leaving behind what feels safe while not yet understanding what lies ahead.

The question is not just *What is God calling me to do?*  
It is *Who am I becoming as I trust Him?*

When identity is rooted in God’s promises rather than worldly approval, courage follows—even into uncertainty.

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What “Egypt” in your life offers security, status, or comfort but competes with obedience to God?
2. Where have confusion, delay, or even failure been part of God shaping your faith and identity?
3. How does Moses’ willingness to figure out identity before assignment challenge how you approach God’s calling in your life?
4. Philippians 3:7–11 speaks of counting everything as loss compared to knowing Christ. What might God be inviting you to value differently in light of eternity?
5. After ten days of this study, how is your understanding of courage beginning to change?