

**what does that
have to do with me?**



Day 1

Exodus 2:16-17

Moses has fled Egypt in fear of his life after killing an Egyptian. He finds himself in a land called Midian. Moses has literally gone from riches to rags and is now a foreigner in a strange land. As with many stories in the OT, there were skirmishes over water wells and Moses comes to the aid of the daughters of the priest of Midian as they were trying to water their flocks. Moses chases away the other shepherds that were harassing the daughters of Reuel.

- Do you think that Moses killing the Egyptian and fleeing from Egypt was part of God's plan?
- What do you think Moses was thinking? Was he regretful after killing the Egyptian to help the Hebrew and having to leave Egypt?
- Judging by the two examples we have been given so far of Moses in action in situations, what type of character do you think Moses had?
- Do you think that at this point Moses felt that he was chosen by God and God had special plans for him?
- Relating Moses' situation to your own life how would you feel if you thought you were doing something right and it ended up costing you everything? Would you think you were in God's will or would you question why God let it happen to you?

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Day 2

Exodus 2:19-20

After Reuel's daughters finish with the flock they return home. Their father questions them because they are home earlier than usual. They tell him about Moses and he tells them to invite him home to eat with them to return his kindness for helping them. It seems that Moses is running from one troublesome situation to another and even though he is a complete stranger in this land, he has already gotten involved in the goings on in the region.

- What do you think about Moses getting involved with the daughters of Reuel? Impulsive or thought out considering his circumstances?
- What do you think the daughters thought of Moses?
- It is clear that Moses still appeared as an Egyptian, do you think this was wise in his current situation? Why or why not?
- Reuel shows great trust and hospitality to Moses without knowing his motives. Would you be so willing in a similar situation? Explain.
- Do you think Moses' involvement with Reuel and his daughters was part of God's plan? Why or why not.

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Day 3

Exodus 2:21-22

Moses is comfortable in the house of Reuel so he ends up moving in and even marries one of the daughters Zipporah. We can assume that he is shepherding sheep while living in this household. Another thing worthy of note when we look at the flight of Moses, he fled from Goshen in Egypt to Midian, this is a distance of around 370 miles! Moses has fled into obscurity, from Egypt the place of his calling to Midian a place where he is a foreigner.

- Do you think this respite in Midian is part of God's plan?
- Is there anything extraordinary happening in Moses life during this time? What do you think Moses was thinking during this time? Was he content to be ordinary?
- Do you think God uses even the seemingly normal or uneventful times in our lives to work His will? Explain.
- Zipporah gives birth to a son, what about the naming of that son gives us insight into how Moses is feeling about living in Midian?
- Compare to your own life, are these times of ordinary living satisfying? Do you seek to stay in them or do you ask God for the next stage of your life?

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Day 4

Exodus 2:23

Another king has died in Egypt and the Israelites groan to God to be released from their slavery. We can assume that the changes in the royal line have not had any positive effect for the Hebrews, in fact from the scripture we can assume that things have gotten progressively worse. Moses has been gone for years and that too must have seemed like a blow to their hopes, because at least having a Hebrew in the royal court would have been representation within the leadership of Egypt. The cries of the Hebrews has reached God in Heaven and the time to act as prophesied has come. (Genesis 15:13)

- Why do you think was happening in Egypt during these changes in leadership?
- Why are these usually harsh times for slaves?
- What do you think that God chose to leave the Israelites in Egypt for 400 years?
- Why did he allow them to be in slavery? What does Egypt represent to us and what does the slavery represent?
- God uses these times of refinement in our lives also, how does God use times when we are discontent and what does this do for our character and our spiritual walk?

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Day 5

Exodus 2:24-25

God has heard the oppression, heard the cries of His people and the time is now right for Him to act. God told Abraham that the Israelites would be held in Egypt for 400 years and that they would be oppressed during that time. Moses is in Midian living an ordinary life herding sheep, living with his wife and raising a son but as we will soon see all the pieces are in place and God is about to start a new phase in His plans for Israel.

Genesis 15:16

- God told Abraham that the people would be in Egypt for 400 years. Part of that reason had nothing to do with the Israelites at all, explain what Genesis 15:16 means to you?
- What does it tell you about the character of God? What trait specifically?
- Looking at verse 24, do you think that God needs to “remember” something or do you think this is a figurative statement? Why or why not?
- From the promise to Abraham in Genesis to the current scriptures in Exodus, 400 years have passed. What does this illustrate about the will of God and His plans.

Ezekiel 12:28

- What does this tell us concerning what God has planned for our lives? If God has decreed it, is there any resisting it? Explain.
- Do you think God allows changes to some details in His plans? Give examples.