

Moses

Pt. 2

Ex. 2:11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. ¹²Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Why do I take things into my own hands?

I doubt God's plan.

I doubt God's timing.

I think my way is better.

When I take things into my own hands:

I lose influence.

¹³The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" ¹⁴The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?"

I delay God's plan.

Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

¹⁵When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

I pay a high price.

¹⁶Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock. ¹⁸When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" ¹⁹They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock." ²⁰"And where is he?" he asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." ²¹Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. ²²Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land."

Others suffer.

²³During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

God still has a plan.

²⁴God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. ²⁵So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

God's way may not be instant, but it is always better!