

## **PREPARING THE PREACHER**

*(Exodus 2:1-25)*

*God's people may be in difficult circumstances, but God has a plan. But God will be faithful to His promise to do a mighty work through His people. What has God prepared you for?*

### **I. MOSES WAS BEING PREPARED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (vv. 1-12)**

1. This is a beautiful picture of faith and love.
  - These un-named heroes exercised great faith in practicing the God given blessings of marital relations.
    - She hid him three months knowing he could be killed
    - She put him in the river as commanded by Egyptian law but by faith built the basket.
    - God put together two things he made: a babies cry and a woman's heart.
2. Moses is educated by his Mama
  - Moses spends his most formative developmental years under the teaching of his mother.
  - He is going to learn about the Lord, the covenant God made with Israel.
3. Moses is educated by the best schools in Egypt.
  - We see God's hand on Moses as he protected Him.
  - We see God's hand on Moses as he prepared Him

### **II. MOSES WAS BEING PREPARED IN HIGH SCHOOL (vv. 11-14)**

1. There is a long time between verse 10-11. Moses grew up.
2. For forty years Moses lived in Pharaoh's court, but he couldn't deny who he was.
  - Moses "grew up" that caused him to see things for what they were.
3. Moses witnessed the brutal assault of one of his own Israelite people.
  - His sense of justice was right, but his impetuosity was wrong.
4. Notice that the Egyptians weren't his only problem; the Hebrews were going to be trouble.
5. Some lessons of God in life are learned the hard way.
  - We look around but when we need to look up.
  - In our haste, we act on our plans instead of God's.

### **III. MOSES WAS BEING PREPARED IN COLLEGE (vv.15-22)**

1. Moses fled Egypt to the land of Midian.
  - The Midianites were from the fourth son of Abraham by Keturah.
  - Moses combats injustice only this time he doesn't kill anyone.
    - Then he shows servant leadership by watering the woman's flock.
2. His father-in-law was a priest of the Most High God.
  - His father-in-law was a great mentor for him.
3. Worked with sheep for forty more years.
  - God says we are like sheep.

*God often takes time to equip his servants for His work. The best learning sometimes comes in the most surprising times and places. Sometimes it comes with the hands-on experience. But it always comes when we look to the Lord. What is God preparing you for?*