

“A LIFE GOD USES”

Series: “SO MUCH MORE”, Part 2 of 10

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Exodus 2:1-25

Big Idea: God is searching for people He can use for His purposes, but they usually need “wilderness” training first.

Exodus 2:1-10, “Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” “Yes, go,” she answered. And the girl went and got the baby’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”

Exodus 1:8, “Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.”

Exodus 1:22, “Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

Exodus 2:2b, “When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.”

Exodus 2:11a, “One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor.”

Exodus 2:11b-15a, “He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the

sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian."

I. MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

A. Pain.

B. Privilege.

2 Corinthians 1:5-6, "For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer."

Acts 7:22, "Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action."

II. LIVE FULLY IN THE PRESENT.

PAST = regrets or nostalgia.

FUTURE = worry or presumptuousness.

Proverbs 27:1, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth."

PRESENT = power.

Hebrews 11:24-27, "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God,

than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.” {NASV}

1 John 2:16-17, “For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does —comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”

Hebrews 11:26b, “for he was looking to the reward.” {NASV}

Hebrews 11:27b, “For he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.” {NASV}

III. ANTICIPATE A FABULOUS FUTURE!

Exodus 2:23b-25, “The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.”

2 Chronicles 16:9a, “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.”