

“GOD’S WILL, MY WAY”

Exodus 2

INTRODUCTION

“Easier said than done.” How many times have we heard that worn-out, overused cliché? Like an old saddle that’s been ridden hard and hung up wet after a thousand trail rides, we’d love to replace it but just can’t find a fitting successor. Few statements, though, could be more true of Moses as he sought to fulfill God’s calling on his life.

Now, many of us were taught in Sunday school that Moses didn’t know God’s calling until he talked with God at the burning bush, but the biblical text suggests that he knew his calling before he even left Egypt. In fact, we’ll see in this chapter how Moses actively sought to become Israel’s leader.

-Church Swindoll

Moses was out of touch with God. So he fled, and crossed the desert that lay between him and the eastern frontier; threaded the mountain passes of the Sinaitic peninsula, through which in after years he was to lead his people; and at last sat wearily down by a well in the land of Midian....

Such experiences come to us all. We rush forward, thinking to carry all before us; we strike a few blows in vain; we are staggered with disappointment, and reel back; ...we flee from the scenes of our discomfiture to hide ourselves in chagrin. Then we are hidden in the secret of God’s presence from the pride of man. And there our vision clears: the silt drops from the current of our life, ...our self-life dies down; our spirits drink of the river of God, ...and our faith begins to grasp his arm,...and thus at last we emerge to be his hand to lead an Exodus.

-F.B. Meyer

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share about an experience where timing was of utmost importance.
2. Examine the following verses. (Ge 15:17-19; 17:7-8,19; 26:24; 35:11-12) What is the covenant or promise that Israel has received from God?
3. What is the current “state of the nation” of Israel at this point in the book of Exodus. (See Exodus 1:6-14)
4. Read Exodus 2:1-8; 24-25. How is God at work to keep his covenant? What are some lessons we can learn about God?
5. How does Moses seem well prepared to be the leader of Israel? (Acts 7:22)
6. How does Moses’ understand his calling in life? (Acts 7:25-26)
7. What misunderstanding does Moses have about his calling? What thoughts of disillusionment would Moses probably be facing? (v.14, Acts 7:27-29)?
8. What are some lessons we can learn about timing and God’s will?