**Moses in the Desert - Developing a Genuine Walk with God**

**Text - EXODUS 2:11-19**

11 "Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, “Why are you striking your companion?” 14 But he said, “Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and said, “Surely the matter has become known.”

*Moses Escapes to Midian*

15 "When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well. 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. 17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock. 18 When they came to Reuel their father, he said, “Why have you come back so soon today?” 19 So they said, “An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock.”

**Overview**

There is no substitute for time spent alone with God. In quiet times, away from distractions and the busyness of life, God can truly speak to us and help us become more of what He wants us to be.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

* Understand the value of time spent in solitude with God.
* Realize that God wants to mold us and change us because He loves us.
* Decide to spend time alone with God every day and truly listen to Him.

**Teaching Outline**

I. Moses Was Alone.

* A. He was exiled from Egypt.
* B. He was employed in the wilderness.

II. Moses Was Humbled.

* A. He was no longer a prince.
* B. He was now a shepherd.

III. Moses Was Contemplative.

* A. He took time to remember and repent.
* B. He took time to reflect and reform.

**Psalm 142:4** - "…No man cared for my soul." Yet God is always there. He will never leave us or forsake us. And, He always has a purpose for the "alone times" in our lives.

**PSALM 142:4-5 -** "Look to the right and see; For there is no one who regards me; There is no escape for me; No one cares for my soul. 5 I cried out to You, O Lord; I said, “You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living."

**HEBREWS 13:5-6 -** 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. (KJV)

 **5**Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,” **6**so that we confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?” (NASB)

 **1 PETER 5:7**

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. (KJV)

7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. (NASB)

**Luke 5:16 -** **16**But Jesus Himself would often slip away [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+5%3A16&version=NASB#fen-NASB-25117a)]to the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+5%3A16&version=NASB#fen-NASB-25117b)]wilderness and pray.

It was through times of loneliness that God prepared the great leaders of the Scriptures like Moses.

* Abram (later Abraham)-Alone with God, he received the direction to leave his home and kindred as well as the promise that his seed would be as the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky (Genesis 12, 13, 15).
* Jacob-Alone with God, he wrestled and would not let go until he prevailed, received the blessing, and the new name of Israel" (Genesis 32:24-30).
* Moses-Alone with God at a later time in his life, he needed no bread or water for well over a month, received the tables of the law directly from God's hand, and returned with such a glow of holiness on his face that others feared to be near him (Exodus 34:29-35).
* David-Alone with God in the midst of a grieving and hostile crowd, he encouraged himself in His presence (1 Samuel 30:6).
* Daniel-Alone with God in a den with hungry lions, he knew an amazing peace and protection (Daniel 6:16--23).
* Jesus-Alone with God in the wilderness, He overcame the temptations of Satan in the power of the Spirit and by the authority of the Word of God (Matthew 4:1--11; Luke 4:1-13).
* Jesus-Alone with God in the garden, He received strength to go to the cross and shed His blood for the sins of the world (John 17:1-26).
* John-Alone with God on the Isle of Patmos, he saw his beloved Lord Jesus in all His heavenly power and glory and received the Revelation (Revelation 110-20).

**Hebrews 11:27 - 27**By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he persevered, as though seeing Him who is unseen.

**Acts 7:23-29 - 23**But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+7%3A23-29&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27132a)]mind to visit his countrymen, the sons of Israel. **24**And when he saw one of them being treated unjustly, he defended and took vengeance for the oppressed man by fatally striking the Egyptian. **25**And he thought that his brothers understood that God was granting them [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+7%3A23-29&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27134b)]deliverance [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+7%3A23-29&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27134c)]through him; but they did not understand. **26**And on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting each other, and he tried to reconcile them to peace, by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers, why are you injuring each other?’ **27**But the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him away, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and judge over us? **28**You do not intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday, do you?’ **29**At this remark, Moses fled and became a stranger in the land of [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+7%3A23-29&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27138d)]Midian, where he fathered two sons.

**Exodus 3:1 -** Now Moses was pasturing the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+3%3A1&version=NASB#fen-NASB-1581a)]west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Psalm 139:7 -** Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

**ROMANS 8:35-39 -** 35 "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, “For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Genesis 46:34 - 34**you shall say, ‘Your servants have been [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+46%3A34&version=NASB#fen-NASB-1421a)]keepers of livestock since our youth even until now, both we and our fathers,’ so that you may live in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.”

**Proverbs 18:16 -** A person’s gift makes room for him And brings him before great people.

### Matthew 25:14-30 - Parable of the Talents 14“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 15To one he gave five [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=NASB#fen-NASB-24021a)]talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. 16The one who had received the five talents immediately went and did business with them, and earned five more talents. 17In the same way the one who had received the two talents earned two more. 18But he who received the one talent went away and dug a hole in the ground, and hid his [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=NASB#fen-NASB-24024b)]master’s money. 19“Now after a long time the master of those slaves \*came and \*settled accounts with them. 20The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have earned five more talents.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=NASB#fen-NASB-24027c)]master.’ 22“Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have earned two more talents.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.’ 24“Now the one who had received the one talent also came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed. 25And I was afraid, so I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you still have what is yours.’ 26“But his master answered and said to him, ‘You [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=NASB#fen-NASB-24032d)]worthless, lazy slave! Did you know that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter seed? 27Then you ought to have [[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=NASB#fen-NASB-24033e)]put my money in the bank, and [[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+25%3A14-30&version=NASB#fen-NASB-24033f)]on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 28Therefore: take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’ 29“For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30And throw the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**NUMBERS 12:3**

3 (Now the man Moses was very **meek**, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) KJV

3 (Now the man Moses was very **humble**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.) NASB

**JAMES 4:10**

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)

Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. (NASB)

**1 PETER 5:6 -** 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

(KJV)

**Acts 7:22 - 22**Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was proficient in [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+7%3A22&version=NASB#fen-NASB-27131a)]speaking and action.

**HEBREWS 11:24-27 24**By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, **25**choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, **26**considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. **27**By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. (NASB)

**LUKE 16:10** “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. (NASB)

**MATTHEW 25:21 -** His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ (NASB)

**1 CORINTHIANS 4:2**

2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. (KJV)

**2**In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. (NASB)

### 1 Samuel 3:1-14 - The Prophetic Call to Samuel3 Now the boy Samuel was attending to the service of the Lord before Eli. And word from the Lord was rare in those days; [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+3%3A1-14&version=NASB#fen-NASB-7278a)]visions were infrequent.2But it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to be [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+3%3A1-14&version=NASB#fen-NASB-7279b)]poor and he could not see well), 3and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was, 4that the Lord called Samuel; and he said, “Here I am.” 5Then he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down. 6And the Lord called yet again, “Samuel!” So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son, go back and lie down.” 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor had the word of the Lord yet been revealed to him. 8So the Lord called Samuel again for the third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. 9And Eli said to Samuel, “Go lie down, and it shall be if He calls you, that you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10Then the Lord came and stood, and called as at the other times: “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for Your servant is listening.” 11Then the Lord said to Samuel, “Behold, I am going to do a thing in Israel, and both ears of everyone who hears about it will ring. 12On that day I will carry out against Eli everything that I have spoken in regard to his house, from beginning to end. 13For I have told him that I am going to judge his house forever for the wrongdoing that he knew, because his sons were bringing a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them. 14Therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the wrongdoing of Eli’s house shall never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.”

### Isaiah 6:1-8 - Isaiah’s VisionIn the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two each covered his face, and with two each covered his feet, and with two each flew. 3And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of armies. The [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+6%3A1--8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-17773a)]whole earth is full of His glory.” 4And the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+6%3A1--8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-17774b)]foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+6%3A1--8&version=NASB#fen-NASB-17774c)]temple was filling with smoke. 5Then I said, “Woe to me, for I am ruined!Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of armies.” 6Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. 7He touched my mouth with it and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin.” *Isaiah’s Commission*8Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

**1 John 1:.9 - 9**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**PSALM 39:4-5 - 4**“Lord, make me to know my end, And what is the extent of my days; Let me know how transient I am. **5**“Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath. (NASB)

**PSALM 90:12 -** 12So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (KJV)

**12**So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom. (NASB)

**1 Corinthians 10:31 - 31**Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all things for the glory of God.

**Study Questions**

1. Describe Moses' time in Midian.

2. How did Moses get to be a shepherd in Midian?

3. Why was Moses' time in Midian a humbling experience?

4. What are some thoughts that may have gone through Moses' mind during his time of exile in Midian?

5. How has God worked in your life during times when you felt alone (in terms of human companionship)?

6. Describe a time in your life when you did a good deed and God specially rewarded you for it.

7. Describe an event or events in your life that God used to humble you.

8. What three events in your life would you describe as your most pivotal?

**Memory Verse**

**HEBREWS 11:27 -** By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. (NASB)