

The Story Week 4



Deliverance

Moses led what many would describe as a **VERY** interesting life. Born into slavery but saved by the ingenuity & prayers of His parents (*as well as the obvious work of God*). He grew up in privilege but sought human means to be the savior of his people, resulting in exile.

God was not finished with Moses and through another **forty years** shaped and prepared the man who would lead God's chosen people out of slavery. Yet it was on God's terms and in God's timing and through God's methods. This is the character of God through the Story. His ways **are not** our ways!

In knowing what these ancients experienced, and how they acted (*reacted*) to those experiences. We are given a picture of what it is like to follow God. A God who reveals Himself, who shows He is trustworthy, and that He never forgets those who are His!

Discussion Questions

1. What was the cause of the enslavement of the children of Israel? How did God continue to bless them through this oppression?
2. What kind of solution did Pharaoh command to put an end to the Israelites? What is the logical end to this kind of solution?
3. What significance do you attribute to Moses' birth?
4. Do you note any irony in the way Moses' parents followed Pharaoh's command and the way God provided a means for Moses to live? Explain your answer.
5. What was Moses' initial solution to the oppression of his people? How did that work out for him?
6. What length of time did Moses spend in Midian? What were noteworthy events that occurred in his time there?
7. What was the means God used to get Moses' attention? What is the importance of the conversation they had?
8. How did God display his concern and love for His people after hearing their cries and groaning? Have you experienced anything similar? Share an example.
9. Leadership is a quality many look for,
 - In what ways **was** Moses qualified to lead people?
 - What ways did Moses act when he didn't **feel** qualified?
10. Feeling unqualified or unable to do something, as Moses did, is a common experience? How do you expect to handle it?
11. What was God's solution for Moses? Is this something that you could rely on as well? If so, How?
12. There were several devastating plagues as well as amazing miracles in the deliverance of the people from Egypt. Can you list them?
13. Do you believe God performs miracles today? Why or Why not?
14. The Passover was initiated during this time, what was the meaning of a sacrificed lamb?

15. What was the reaction of the people to being led to the edge of the Red Sea? What kinds of experiences have you had where only God could deliver you? (*and how did you react? – What can you do to prepare to react better than the Israelites?*)
16. There was quite a bit of grumbling by the Israelites and each time God met their needs. Was this reinforcing their complaining nature or training them to trust God? What ways do you see God doing similar acts in your story?
17. What can you learn about the character of God from the story of the Israelites' deliverance from slavery and travels into the wilderness?