Introduction: One of the truly great characters in the Old Testament. Central character through out the book of Exodus. See some lessons we can learn from him.

**I) Moses’ Humble Beginnings**

**Exodus 2:1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. 2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. 3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. 5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."**

**A) Facts**

1. His mother and father not mention in Exodus 2 but in chapter 6.

**Exodus 6:20 Now Amram took for himself Jochebed, his father's sister, as wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven**.

2. One brother, Aaron, and one sister, Miriam.

3. He was born in a hostile environment. Exodus 1.

**Acts 7:18 "till another king arose who did not know Joseph. 19 "This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.**

4. Even if he lived, he would live his life as a slave.

5. Hid by his mother for three months.

**Acts 7:20 "At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.**

6. Placed in a basket and set on the Nile River.

7. Found by the daughter of Pharaoh.

a. His life was spared by her compassion. Exodus 2.6

b. She broke her father’s own law.

8. Miriam, Moses’ sister saw what happened and came forward.

a. Volunteering to find a “Hebrew woman” to nurse the child.

b. Jochebed was paid to nurse her own child.

9. Moses was reared as part of Pharaoh’s household.

**B) Important points**

1.Moses was a beautiful child,

2. Moses’ parents made the choice to disobey Pharaoh.

3. We can see God’s divine providence in this account.

4. God was well pleased with Moses.

**Acts 7:20 "At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father's house for three months.**

**II) What We See in The Man Moses**

**Exodus 2:11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?" 14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" 15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.**

**Acts 7:21 "But when he was set out, Pharaoh's daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. 22 "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds. 23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. 24 "And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. 25 "For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand. 26 "And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?' 27 "But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? 28 'Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?' 29 "Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.**

**A) He had boldness in his convictions**

1. He went out to “visit” his brethren, killed the Egyptian, and confronted his own brethren.

2. Later on, in the land of Midian, he protected Jethro’s daughters.

3. He spoke out when things were not right.

4. The same boldness was seen in the Apostles.

**Acts 4:18 And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."**

**Acts 4:29 "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,**

a. Should be seen in us.

b. There is just one Lord, one Savior, one Gospel, one church, etc.

**B) His strength as a decision maker.**

1. Moses had tasted the world and choose to serve God.

**Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.**

2. Many passages instructs us to make our choice.

**James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.**

**Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.**

a. Some refuse to make that choice but they have decided by default.

b. Some decide but don’t follow through.

**C) Full of zeal but the wrong kind.**

1. Not according to knowledge. **Romans 10.2**

2. Zeal does not justify misguided action. Did this situation call for murder?

3. Zeal without knowledge impeded God’s purposes, Moses in exile 40 years.

a. Lost his position, his influence, could have lost his life.

b. Great effort for the wrong purpose.

Conclusion: In Moses we see hardships, trials, and defeat. We also see what can happen when someone has faith. All of us have our trials and problems, and all of us can over come them with faith. We too can walk with God if we will take that first step.