

REACH OUT AND TOUCH PRISON MINISTRY

BIBLE STUDY - SERIES 2 - LESSON #10

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LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF MOSES: PRESERVED FOR A PURPOSE

DEFINITION: PRESERVE: To keep alive or in existence; to protect, spare; safeguard, shield

PURPOSE: The reason for which something exists or is done; an intended or desired result; goal

MEMORY VERSE: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear Fruit .(John 15:16) (bear fruit = yield positive results; succeed; be effective, be profitable

- 1) The beginning of the story of Moses life is found in **Exodus chapter 1:1-22**. Explain briefly the events that took place that tried to end Moses' life to abort the purpose God had for him.. _____

- a) Moses is a type of Christ. What happened at the time of Christ's birth? (**Matt 2:13-21**)

- 2) Moses' name means "drawn out" because he was "drawn out" of the river Nile by Pharaoh' daughter. What has God "drawn" you out of to preserve your life?

- 3) God orchestrated a plan to preserve Moses' life, yet he found himself in a situation that caused him to depart from that plan. What did Moses do? (**Ex. 2:1-15**)

- 4) Where was Moses and what was he doing when God called Him? (**Exodus 3:1-10**)

- 5) God had a purpose for preserving Moses' life. What was that purpose? (**Exodus 3:10**)

6) What was Moses first excuse for not accepting the call God had for him? (Ex. 3:11-12)

a) What was God's response? _____

7) What was Moses second question to God? (Exodus 3:13-22) _____

a) What was God's response? _____

8) Read **Exodus 4:1-17**. List two additional excuses Moses had for not wanting to accept the call of God?

1) _____

a) What was God's response? _____

2) _____

a) What was God's response? _____

9) God doesn't disqualify us from being usable because of mistakes we have made along the way. Name the people below who made great mistakes/sins yet God still fulfilled His purpose in their lives (See Study Sheet Attached)

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

10) Read **Hebrews 11:23-29**. Complete the 5 "steps of faith" in Moses' life

By faith Moses, when he was born _____

By faith Moses _____

By faith he left (forsook) _____

By faith he kept _____

By faith they passed _____

Are there any questions or struggles that you have that you would like to share with us to pray for you? Whatever is shared with us will be kept in strict confidence.

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It is clear that Moses was preserved by God for a specific purpose. His life began as a journey of faith - his parents' faith when they chose to trust God for the protection of their baby boy. His life continued as a life of faith as God led him step by step to carry out the purpose He had for Moses.

Moses past did not define his future. Though reluctant, he submitted to the call of God on his life and went forward to allow God to fulfill his purpose for his life.

Moses was preserved by God for a purpose and so were you. Whom God calls, he also prepares and equips. Moses was prepared and equipped in the backside of a dessert for 40 years. It is never too late for God to prepare us for the work that He has for us to do.

The Bible gives an account of many others whom God called and equipped for service. Many of whom sinned before and after he called them. Below are examples of people who committed "very bad" sins, but God forgave them all and used them for his glory.

- **King David:** *Committed sins of adultery, deception, and murder in the story of David and Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11 & 12). David repented, asked God for forgiveness, and God forgave him of his sin. God went on to use him mightily, to the glory of His name.*

2 Samuel 12: 13, ESV David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Psalms 51:1-4, NIV Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

- **Apostle Paul (formerly "Saul of Tarsus"):** *Murdered, Harassed, and Persecuted Christians in the early Church. Saul had a dramatic encounter with God on the road to Damascus, repented, and God forgave him of his sins. The entire story of Saul's Conversion is in Acts 9. After Saul's conversion, he became known as Paul. Apostle Paul was not perfect, but he became an extremely useful tool in God's hands, teaching, growing, inspiring and encouraging the early church. He went on to write much of the New Testament and continues to be a blessing to believers even today.*

1 Timothy 1:12-13, NLT I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief.

- **Peter (the Disciple):** *Denied Jesus three times, and failed many times (just like us). He had faith and walked on water. He received divine revelation that Jesus Christ was the son of God (Matthew 16:16-17), but turned around and became an adversary (speaking for the devil), trying to prevent Jesus from fulfilling His mission. Thus, Jesus had to rebuke him (Matthew 16:22-23). Even after all this, Peter was used mightily by God to encourage, teach, heal, minister to, lead and grow the early church. He wrote books in the New Testament, and His writings continue to help us Christians grow today.*

Read: Matthew 16:23, Mark 14:66-72,

- **Rahab the Prostitute:** *Rahab was a Prostitute. Despite her sketchy background, she was used by God in mighty ways. She demonstrated great faith and helped the people of God. She is listed in the "Hall of Faith", and she is listed in the direct lineage of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:5).*

Hebrews 11:31, ESV By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

- **The Woman At The Well (John 4:1-30)** Had five husbands and was thirsting for the love in all the wrong places. One day Jesus sat on the well, knowing she would be coming to draw water. He engaged in a conversation with her that revealed the truth of what she was thirsting for. Him. She immediately left her waterpots and went into the city and told everyone she had met the Saviour. She became an Evangelist,

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1 Peter 4:10, NIV Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Romans 8:28, KJV And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Yes, God can use YOU! God can use all things for good, we just need to be available!

God's mercies, grace and loving kindness are amazing! Nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate us from God's love.

Do you think you've sinned too much for God to forgive you and use you? If so, write to us and we will be happy to counsel you and/or send you additional material.