



Last weekend our story ended with the Pharaoh's daughter rescuing Moses from the Nile River when he was just three months old. Today, the story continues, but Moses is now 40 years old.

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor... Exodus 2:11 (NIV)

When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. Acts 7:23 (NIV)

What happened during those 40 years? All we know is this:

So Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and became a great man in what he said and did. Acts 7:22 (GW)

Moses' life was about to change drastically.

Event #1 that shaped Moses' life

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian... Exodus 2:11-15 (NIV)

Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave. When word reached the Pharaoh, he attempted to kill Moses. He was now seen as a traitor and a national security threat. Moses escapes from Egypt, flees to Midian and lives a fugitive from justice.

Moses in Midian

When Moses arrived in Midian, he sat down beside a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters who came as usual to draw water and fill the water troughs for their father's flocks. But some other shepherds came and chased them away. So Moses jumped up and rescued the girls from the shepherds. Exodus 2:15-17 (NLT)

- Moses was a _____.

Moses: The Interesting thing about his name

- Hebrew: *Mashah* which means “_____”
- Egyptian: *Mose* which means “_____”
 - Mose is always preceded by a prefix
 - Pharaoh Ahmose Ist was “son of the Egyptian god, lah.”
 - Pharaoh Thutmose was “son of the Egyptian god, Thut.”
 - Pharaoh Ramesses was “son of the Egyptian sun god, Ra.”
- Mose (w/o a prefix) means “son of _____”

Event #2 that shaped Moses' life

The day that God called Moses to follow and serve Him

In the Wilderness, Moses was tending his father in law's sheep when he noticed that a bush was on fire, but wasn't burning up.

When the LORD saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” Moses said, “I'm here.” Then the LORD said, “Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground.”

He continued, “I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God.” Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, “I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice...I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians...So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” Exodus 3:4-10 (CEB)

Think About It

- Seen, Heard, and Know: What do these words suggest to you about the character of God?
- What was God's plan of action?
- How did God rescue the Hebrews?
- What is God calling you to do?