

in the waiting

In The Waiting... Moses

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw

that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Series Lessons

God's silence is not His ABSENCE – waiting is part of His PREPARATION.

Waiting on God tests our TRUST and reveals our HEARTS.

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He was born a Hebrew but grew up in the Egyptian PHAROH'S household after being placed in the Nile river and found by Pharaoh's daughter. (Exodus 2:1-14)

After seeing the harshness of the Egyptians toward the JEWS, he is forced to flee to the desert (Midian) where he settles down as a FUGITIVE wanted for murder. (Exodus 2:11-15)

He meets his wife ZIPPORAH and tends to the flocks of sheep of her father, for FORTY years in the deserts of Midian. (Exodus 2:16-22)

He saw a bush that was burning but not consumed and so he approaches it. He learns that he is unwillingly CHOSEN by God to deliver the Israelites out of the bondage of the Egyptians. (Exodus 3)

After the old Pharaoh died, Moses is empowered by God and through a series of plagues, wins the release of the Israelites after 400 years of bondage.

The Wilderness

The desert wilderness is often A DRY, sparse place where God leads His people in order to do a deep WORK in their lives.

Spiritual MATURITY is developed on the wilderness road of FAITH.

Moses spent 40 years of his life in Pharaoh's house; 40 years in the wilderness; and 40 years serving as Israel's DELIVERER.

In the Waiting of the wilderness, Moses was transformed from a PROUD Egyptian prince into the MEEKEST man in the world.

"Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." Numbers 12:3

Meekness is not weakness but is BRIDLED strength. It is power exercised with gentleness, patience and SUBMISSION to God.

One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. ¹²He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. Exodus 2:11-12

Those who had a God-ordained Wilderness Experience recorded in scripture:

Moses Israel David Elijah Jesus Paul

When the time was RIGHT and the work COMPLETE, God called to Moses.

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew. Exodus 2:23-25

The TIME in the Wilderness always leads to a GREATER work by those who experienced it.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Exodus 14:30-31

Lessons From A Shepherd's Perspective of the Wilderness

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23

In the wilderness we LEARN that God is MY Shepherd.

*I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine...
Isaiah 43:1*

My sheep hear my voice, and I call them by name. John 10:3

He allows me to REST with all of my needs met even in the TIMES of distress.

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⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

The Wilderness is about God's GOODNESS and the journey through it will always take you into his PRESENCE.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. Psalm 84:10