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## Moses: Leading Them Out Of Bondage (Exodus 3:4)

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*We need friends, encouragers, coaches, and mentors over our lifetime. Leaders are needed to share a vision and provide direction. Consider the concept of synergy. This occurs when the combined effect is greater than the sum of individual efforts. A greater force is a movement initiated by God. Moses was used to move about two million people and do this against the opposition of the most powerful ruler on the world's stage.* **Have you witnessed great power?**

### INTRODUCTION

Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob, called Israel, was sold as a slave to a government leader in Egypt. Through God's favor, Joseph rose to be Prime minister under Pharaoh (ca. 1875 B.C.). Joseph brought his father, brothers, and their families to live in the protective environment of that country. The Hebrew population increased greatly and filled the land. After Joseph died a new Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph. He saw the large Hebrew population as a threat and enslaved them. Pharaoh next commanded midwives to kill Hebrew male children at birth. The midwives feared God and disobeyed. This angered Pharaoh, but God greatly blessed the midwives and their families. **Have you lifted a person who later was a blessing to you?**

### THE COMMAND OF PHARAOH

***Exodus 1:22a "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you are to throw into the Nile…." (NRSV)***

A national decree came from Thutmose 1 (ca. 1525).
A family from the house of Levi had a son born.
The mother hid her beautiful baby for three months.
Frightened with discovery, she covered a basket with tar.
She put this ark in the weeds at the bank of the Nile.
The mother sent his older sister to watch.
A daughter of Pharaoh picked up the crying child
The sister offered to find a nursing Hebrew woman.
The princes named him Moses and hired his mother.
Moses was raised as a prince, educated as a noble; forty years in leadership training at the court of Pharaoh. **Have you had an experience that seemed like a set-up by God**?

### MOSES REJECTED BY HIS BRETHREN

***Exodus 2:11 Years later, after Moses had grown up, he went out to his own people and observed their forced labor. (CSB)***

He saw an Egyptian master beating a Hebrew slave.
Moses struck down the Egyptian and buried the body.
Moses saw two Hebrews fighting and delivered a reproof.
Their response was to challenge his authority. "Will you kill and bury us also?" Pharaoh heard of this and sent to kill Moses. ***Have your good intentions been rejected?***

### THE BURNING BUSH

***Exodus 3:4a When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him, "Moses, Moses!" "Here I am," he answered. (CSB).***

Moses fled to the wilderness of Midian, near Mt. Horeb. He helped the daughters of Jethro water their flock. Jethro gave Zipporah, his daughter, to Moses in marriage. They shepherded forty years until God called, sending him back to lead His people out of Egypt. God offered a reluctant Moses the help of his brother Aaron, promising to be with them. **Has God given you a charge with promise?**

### GOD SENDS TEN PLAGUES ON EGYPT

***Exodus 11:9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt." (CSB)***

God sent plagues of blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock disease, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and death of firstborn. At last, Pharaoh begged them to leave. **Have you seen a person struggle to work against God?**

### THE EXODUS – A 40 YEAR SAGA

***Exodus 13:21a By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them and in a pillar of fire to give them light. (NIV)***

God led them through the wilderness, avoiding many hostilities. He provided for them as they gained faith and learned how to live in a theocratic government. **Have you been through a hard lesson, learning how to thrive?**

### A PRAYER

LORD, please give me direction and guide my steps. Amen!