FACE TO FACE

GROUP GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

We were created not only by an infinite, all-powerful God—the One who *measures the waters in the palm of His hand* (Isaiah 40:12) and *holds the endless number of stars in the sky* (Isaiah 40:26)—but by a God who is closer to us than the air we breathe. From Genesis to Revelation God has pursued us with His love, that we might have a personal, intimate relationship with Him.

The Bible is full of stories of people who encountered this powerful and personal God. People who suffered, people who lost their way, people who longed for hope and redemption. Moses was one of these people. During this series, we'll look at several stories in the life of Moses that give us a picture of these divine, intimate encounters with God. May we learn from Moses what it looks like to walk with God, face to face.

SERIES THEME VERSES

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.
Exodus 33:11a (NIV)

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face…
Deuteronomy 34:10 (NIV)

CONNECT

1. How has your relationship with God impacted your view of the world?
2. How have you allowed your struggles or failures become your identity?

OPEN WITH PRAYER

The noise of this world is maddening. Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind.

A simple centering prayer: Holy Spirit, we acknowledge You are here and ask You to speak to each of us personally in a way that only You can do. We open our hearts that You might teach us and draw us closer to You. The Bible was written so long ago, but we believe it continues to be the true source of wisdom, hope and direction. May You show us new and beautiful things as we study Your Word together. Amen.

> *You have said, "Seek My Face."*
> *My heart says to You,*
> *"Your face, LORD, do I seek."*
> **Psalm 27:8 (ESV)**

WATCH THE VIDEO

As you watch the video, listen for a statement that is significant to you. *Then, discuss together.*

BACKGROUND OF TODAY'S MAIN PASSAGE

Most scholars (along with Jewish tradition) divide Moses' life into three major periods.

1. First 40 years – In Egypt, raised in Pharaoh's household.
2. Second 40 years – In Midian, as a shepherd.
3. Final 40 years – Leading Israel through the wilderness after the Exodus.

Following his birth and adoption by Pharaoh's daughter (Exodus 1:1-2:10), the story immediately moves to a pivotal moment in Moses' life. Today's passage marks the end of the first period (Acts 7:23-24 tells us this episode took place when Moses was forty), bridging his early life in Pharaoh's palace to his eventual calling by God at the burning bush in Exodus 3.

Having been placed in the water (the Nile River), Moses' identity dramatically shifted from Hebrew origin to his upbringing as an Egyptian. Having grown up amidst royalty in Egypt sets the stage for the next several chapters in Exodus.

STUDY AND DISCUSSION

It might be helpful to read the entire story, then come back to the questions for each passage.

Exodus 2:11-25 (NIV)

vs. 11-15

[11] 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.

[12] Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. [13] 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?"

[14] 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. [15] When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

1. Moses lived in the lap of luxury with hundreds of other noble family members who lacked for nothing. Why did Moses risk everything by killing an Egyptian?

2. Describe a time you witnessed or experienced outrage because of injustice. What was the next thing you did?

3. Moses then tried to mediate a fight between two Hebrews, but they rejected his authority. How would you have felt and reacted if you had been in Moses' situation?

4. Why did Pharaoh try to kill Moses?

5. Moses was afraid because his secret was out. To deal with this inner turmoil, he fled to Midian. Describe a time you said or did something you didn't want anyone to know about. Did you tell someone or run and hide? How did that experience shape you?

vs. 16-22

16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. 17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock. 18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?" 19 They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock." 20 "And where is he?" Reuel asked his daughters. Why did you leave him?

Invite him to have something to eat. 21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

6. Since water was the source of all life and wealth, the shepherds became ruthless and drove the daughters away. What did Moses do and what do you think was his motivation?
7. Why was Reuel interested in meeting Moses?
8. When have you risked being vulnerable and you were received well? And not so well?

vs. 23-25

23 During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. 24 God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. 25 So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

9. By remembering His covenant, vs. 24-25 indicate God was not yet done with Moses. God was about to act through Moses, though Moses didn't know it yet.
    a. Read Hebrews 11:24-29.
    b. What kind of person did Moses become?
    c. What phrase or idea stands out to you in that passage? Why?
10. Have you ever felt like you'd messed up so bad (or were such a failure) that God wasn't interested in you anymore? If so, describe that time.
11. When was a time you cried out to God because of harsh circumstances? Did you feel like God heard your cry for help? What was that experience like for you?
12. What would we be missing if this passage wasn't in the Bible?

GOSPEL FOCUS

1. Based on today's passage, what similarities and differences do you see between Moses and Jesus?
2. What does 1 John 1:5-10 teach you about hiding versus confessing sin?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Close your time with a minute or two of silence, quietly allowing your heart and mind to settle. Ask God what He wants you to know or do from this week's study and discussion. Write down what you sense God is saying to you. Share this with the group and pray for each other.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Exodus 3:12 (NIV)

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Here are some great resources as you continue your study of the life of Moses and the foundational beliefs of the Christian Faith. These are available in the Brookwood Bookstore.

EXODUS AND MOSES

Moses: In the Footprints of the Reluctant Prophet, Adam Hamilton
Leaving Egypt, Chuck DeGroat
The Paradise King, Blaine Eldredge

FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Basic Christianity, John Stott
I Believe: A Concise Guide to the Essentials of the Christian Faith, Thom S. Rainer
Blood Work: How the Blood of Christ Accomplishes Our Salvation, Anthony J. Carter
In Christ Alone: Living the Gospel-Centered Life, Sinclair B. Ferguson