

## Men and Women of God – Moses

**Worship:** We fall down and confess you are Lord

### **Background:**

Israelites –

Background 430 years in Egypt to the very day (**Exodus 12 v 40,41**). In around c1730BC and out in c1300. (cites of Pithom and Rameses built by slave labour as store cites for Pharaoh).

Moses

Named by Pharaoh's daughter – 'I drew him out of the water' (Moses sounds like the Hebrew for draw him out)

Father – Amram – head of a clan of a Levite family – died aged 137yrs

Mother – Jochebed

Brother – Aaron

Sister – Miriam

Father in law – Jethro (also called Reuel , a priest of Midian with 7 daughters **Exodus 2 v 16**

Wife – Zipporah (**Exodus 2 v 21**)

Son – Gershom (**Exodus 2 v 22**)

Moses's life is divided up into 3 sections; up until he murders the Egyptian (40yrs), up until the burning bush (40yrs) and up until his death in Moab (40yrs) – **Acts 7 v 23, Acts 7 v 30 and Deut 34 v 7**. Became a shepherd and shepherds were detested by the Egyptians **Gen 4 v 34**

- Have we had defining points in our lives?
- Have we had any defining moments spiritually?

Was a prophet eg?

Died when he was 120 years old. Youngest of 3 (most probably) - had an older brother Aaron (3 years older) and an older sister Miriam – **Exodus 7 v 6** Moses was eighty and Aaron eighty three when they spoke to Pharaoh. Moses takes the bones of Joseph with him (**Exodus 13 v 19**)

Characteristics: Moses is privileged, Moses is loyal, Moses is angry (unrighteously), Moses is a family man, Moses is reluctant, Moses is humble (**Num 12 v 13**), Moses is obedient, Moses is a leader, Moses is angry (righteously – see **Exodus 32 v 11**), Moses is disobedient (**Deut 32 v 48-52 - Exodus 20 v 1-13**), Moses is honoured (**Deut 34 v 10-12**).

Aaron, Moses and Miriam descended from the house of Levi (**Numbers 26 v 59**)

## VAK Moment

- Watch The Ten Commandments starting at 10 mins in (after having given some background) run at 30x speed and commentate throughout (running time = 7 mins 30)

## Bible Study (Exodus Ch 3 – Ch 4 v 17)

1. Moses has Good News to tell. **Exodus 3 v 10**
2. Moses will face opposition
3. God will be with Moses **Exodus 3 v 12, Exodus 4 v 15**

## We have Good News to tell

- What is the Good News that we have to tell?
- How much do we feel that the Good News really is Good News? (c.f with enthusiasm of birth of child, promotion, etc)? Challenge how will others believe that what we say is really Good News if we don't behave as if it is? N.B the opening verse of Mark – Mark was so excited he couldn't keep it in **Mark 1 v 1** 'The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.'
- Who has told us to tell it? (**Matthew 28 v 19,20** The Great Commission)
- If we are honest how do we stand up to the Great Commission/
- When was the last time that we shared the gospel with someone who isn't a Christian – a member of the family, a friend, a work colleague, a stranger? (**1 Peter 3 v 15** – Always be prepared to give an answer....)

We will face opposition. **John 16 v 22a** 'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.' (Good news is in 22b)

**Ephesians 6 v 12** (rulers, authorities, the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms) -

## VAK Moment

- Use sports analogy. A fixture coming up next week what do we find out in advance? Ask the group to make a list
- What/or who will be our opposition? **1 Peter 5 v 8**
- What do we know about the opposition?
- What do we think that the mission statement of the Devil is?

(Explore Jesus's mission statement **Mark 10 v 45** against the mission statement of the devil.) **1 John 3 v 8** '.... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the work of

the devil. 1. To prevent anyone becoming a Christian 2. To cause Christians to be ineffective

Look at the parable of the sower/soils – **Matthew 13 v 3-8, Mark 4 v 4-8, Luke 8 v 5-8**

- What reasons did Moses give for not wanting to go?

c.f Moses responses

‘Who am I that...’ **Exodus Ch 3 v 11**

I don’t have the right skills **Exodus Ch 4 v 10**

Please send someone else **Exodus Ch 4 v 14**

- What reasons do we give for not wanting to share the gospel?
- Have we ever used some of the reasons that Moses gave?
- If we are not experiencing opposition what might the reason be?

**God will be with us** (**Exodus 3 v 12** ‘I will be with you’ – **Matthew 28 v 20** ‘And surely I will be with you until the end of the age.’ - **John 16 v 22b** ‘.... But take heart! I have overcome the world.’)

What was Moses given as signs that God was with him?

What have we been given? (A new covenant - **Jeremiah 31 v 33**, the Holy Spirit – **John 16 v 7, Acts 1 v 8** you will receive power - words to say etc **Mark 13 v 11**, the armour of God – **Ephesians 6 v 10-20**)

Do we have the confidence that God is with us?

Can we really echo Paul’s words in **Philippians 4 v 13** ‘I can do all things through him who gives me strength.’

Round up with **Exodus Ch 4 v 18**

- What happens next?
- What was the result?
- Are we prepared to trust God and make that first step?

**Prayer:**

**Use the prayer time to pray specifically for opportunities to share the gospel either generally or with specific individuals.**

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