

## **Week Two - Moses: Born to Rescue**

### **Exodus 3:7-22**

#### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day One**

1. As we dig deeper into what it means that God is our rescuer, begin by reading Exodus 1:1-2:10. Why did the Egyptians enslave the Israelites, according to the text? (Exodus 1:9-14)
2. Eventually, what was the king of Egypt's solution to suppress the growing Israelite population? (Exodus 1:16)
3. The king of Egypt commanded the Hebrew midwives to kill all the newborn sons, but did they listen? Why or why not?
4. At the end of Exodus 1, what was the king of Egypt's backup plan to wipe out the newborn sons of Israel?
5. It's ironic that the casting of Moses into the Nile River, the very thing the king of Egypt intended to kill and destroy, is the very thing that saved him. In Exodus 2:5-10, who found Moses and pulled him out of the river?
6. If you were to write Moses' story or plan how he would be saved, would you have done it this way? Put yourself in Moses' mother's shoes. Can you imagine trusting God to save your son like she did?
7. To finish your FIFTEEN for today, confess your inability to fully trust God to rescue you. Ask him to continually grow your faith and trust in him to rescue and care for you always.

#### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two**

8. To begin your FIFTEEN for today, read Exodus 1:1-2:10 again. Does anything new or noteworthy stick out to you this time?
9. We discussed it briefly yesterday, but can you imagine being Moses' mother? Can you imagine putting your three-month-old child in a basket in a river, not knowing what would happen to him?
10. Even though this story seems to make no sense at first, doesn't God call each one of us to do what Moses' mother did? Doesn't he call each one of us to trust that *he* can take better care of us and our children and our possessions far better than *we* ever could?
11. How does that make you feel? Is it easy to give up trust and control like that? Is it easy to trust in a rescuer beyond yourself? Why or why not?

12. In a situation that appeared to have no positive, hopeful outcome, God rescued Moses' life, and eventually his people. What's keeping *you* from trusting that God can rescue you from what you're currently facing?
  
13. Before finishing your FIFTEEN for today, spend some time in prayer, thanking God for all the times he has rescued you from situations that seemed hopeless. Ask him to remind you of those times and how he rescued you when you face difficult situations in the future.

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three**

14. To begin your FIFTEEN for today, read Exodus 3:7-22. What strikes you about the portion of Scripture?
  
15. God was not blind to the suffering of his people. Verses 7 and 8 say, "I (the Lord) have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land." How does it make you feel that God saw and understood the affliction of his people? Is it comforting?
  
16. Does it comfort or encourage you to know that God sees and is aware of what you are going through? Why or why not?
  
17. What did God tell Moses in verse 10? How did Moses respond?
  
18. Moses clearly showed a lack of faith and trust, doubting that he was the right person for the job. Does this sound familiar to you? Does this sound a lot like you?
  
19. What was God's response to Moses' lack of faith? What does he say in verse 12?
  
20. How does it make you feel when God says, "I will be with you"? Even though *how* he will be with you is not fully revealed, those words should bring an overwhelming amount of comfort and peace. Do they for you? Why or why not?
  
21. To finish your FIFTEEN for today, think about an aspect of your life that currently seems impossible to accomplish or overcome. What can you do to better live with the knowledge and trust that God will be with you through it all?

**Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four**

22. To begin your FIFTEEN for today, read Exodus 3:7-22 again. Did you catch anything new or noteworthy this time?
  
23. To review, after Moses' lack of confidence and faith, God told him, "I will be with you."

24. In these verses, God told Moses exactly how he would rescue Israel and get them out of Egypt. Did Moses' lack of faith, his doubt, or his inadequacy affect what God would be able to do? Did it limit God at all?
25. At this point in the story, Moses found himself completely in over his head. Do you ever feel this way? Do you feel this way right now? If you don't feel this way right now, think about the last time you felt this way.
26. When you feel like you're in too deep and can't get out, what do you do? Even then, do you still try and turn things around by your own power? Even then, isn't it our natural tendency to still at least attempt to fix things ourselves?
27. God actually *wants* us to come to the point and realize that we cannot help ourselves. He *wants* us to realize that we need to cry out for a rescuer, for *him*. Even then, even when it feels like things can't get any worse, God can and will rescue us.
28. To finish your FIFTEEN for today, thank God that he rescues you. Thank him that he makes something out of nothing, that he rescues us when it seems like there is no possible way out.

#### **Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five**

29. To begin your final FIFTEEN for the week, think about what it was that allowed Moses to rescue the Israelites from slavery. Was it Moses' words, persuasiveness, or skill? Or was it the power of God within him? (If you need to refresh your memory, read Exodus 3:7-22 again.)
30. It was, of course, the power of God within Moses that allowed him to accomplish what he did. Moses had reached his wit's end. He was at the end of himself. What was God demonstrating to Moses?
31. When was the last time you felt like you were at the end of yourself? When was the last time you felt like you were out of options and all hope was lost? Is this a comfortable place to be? Is this a good place to be?
32. Likely, being at the end of yourself, out of options and answers, is not a comfortable place to be, but it's a *good* place to be, even if it doesn't feel like it. Does this understanding help? Does it make it easier?
33. There are eventually times where things get bad enough that we cry out for a rescuer. And in those times, God will rescue us, even from the worst problem facing all of us: death. Even though Moses felt unable to face Pharaoh, God's power allowed him to rescue God's people from slavery. How is Jesus similar to Moses?
34. To finish your final FIFTEEN for the week, spend some time thinking about the peace that should come from knowing God always has and always will rescue us. Despite what we may face in life, this knowledge should help us keep our focus on God, his love for us, and how we are to live as his children. Ask God to help you always keep life in the proper perspective as you seek to rely more fully on him and his power.