

The Life of Moses part 2

Selected Scriptures

Facts about Midian:

- Were related to the Israelites through one of Abraham's wife. See Genesis 25
- Exodus tells us that the Midianites apparently worshiped the same God, YHWH, as did the Israelites.
- must be true because Jethro was a priest of God. See Exodus 2.16 and 3.1 for those references.
- The region was a desert and therefore lacked some food and water necessary to live.
- Was the place that God would eventually bring the Israelites to in order for them to worship.
 - Was only about at most short journey away from Egypt.

Call of Moses Exodus 3-4

- Took place on Mount Sinai, also known as the Mountain of God
- Shows that God will use ordinary people to do extraordinary things.
- Moses wasn't a leader until God called him to be one
- Moses like anyone for the most part in their right mind thought of every excuse known to man at the time to get out of it:
 - Can't Speak
 - They won't listen
 - Who in the world are you
 - Please send someone else
- God countered every excuse of Moses with a promise of what He could do
- God has to show Moses that He is serious about this mission
 - Staff to snake
 - Hand turns to leprosy
- God gave the exact plan to Moses before he ever started out
 - When God calls it is for a specific purpose
 - He provides the resources/training necessary for you to succeed
- Aaron, Moses brother, ends up accompanying Moses for the journey.
- God is patient and works in spite of us making things difficult

Leadership of Moses

- Moses was a meek person. Numbers 12.3
 - Meekness is not a characteristic of someone who is weak but instead strong.
- He was an intercessor for the people of Israel.
 - Just read Exodus and Numbers on when God wanted to destroy Israel and then Moses prayed and God relented.
- Delegated work to others. Created a team of individuals.
 - Exodus 18.24-26
- Sought council from others when necessary
 - Exodus 18
- Always let God be the judge, never elevated himself
 - Numbers 13,16
- Was committed to God and the people he lead.

Lessons to learn from Moses

1. Being a leader is not easy
2. As a leader we need to pray for those we lead
3. Leaders aren't perfect people and constantly need God's help
4. Leaders work best when surrounded by a team, no lone rangers.