

Miracle Baby

God led his people through generations of slavery in Egypt and made them into a great nation. They entered Egypt a family. Through hardship and pain they rose into strong ethnic population—large enough to frighten even the Egyptians. God prepared an educated and connected leader to lead them out of bondage—Moses.

Have you ever thought about why you are so blessed? Why do you have the life you have? Why do you get to live in the house you live in? Why didn't you get caught, when others doing the same thing did? Why was your life spared, when you should have died? Others went bankrupt, and you became wealthy. Why did you get the brains, the talent, the charm and the looks? Why did she say, "yes" to you? Why are you so blessed?

The answer to many of life's unanswerable questions is, "God is sovereign; and he has greater plans for your life." **Jeremiah 1:4-5** Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." As we are about to read, Moses was a Miracle Baby. He had a blessed life of privilege. Let's find out why God spared his life and put him where he ends up.

Exodus 1:6-12

Story tell 1:13-22

- Harsh treatment made for a bitter & difficult life
- Jewish population was threat to Pharaoh. His response was oppression, slavery & murder. A better response would have been to treat them respectfully and to find ways to integrate them into Egyptian society. The Golden Rule works.
- Midwives were ordered to murder the male babies at birth. They chose to obey God rather than Pharaoh. You are always on the side of God to rescue babies from murder!
- Later, Pharaoh commanded to boys to be drowned in the river!

Exodus 2:1-10

- Sovereign act of God—sometimes God's sovereignty needs human obedience that can seem absurd—Baby Boat!
- Moses was saved so he could become Moses! Moses was called from his mother's womb to deliver and to lead God's people.
- Why Moses? Why this baby? Only God knows. Why you?
- It is your responsibility to discover why God saved and blessed you. What has God called you to do? Who has he called you to rescue and to bless?

Story tell 2:11-22

- Moses first attempt at ministry was a disaster.
- He had to run for his life & hide out in the wilderness.
- He settled into a "normal" life without thought to his real purpose.

Exodus 2:23-25

Exodus 3:1-17

- God hears and answers prayers.
- He often answers prayers in the form of a person. You should learn how to become the answer to someone's prayers!
- Like Moses you won't feel qualified either—**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**
- This is how faith works—

- God speaks to a person, prophesying a better future for a group of people
- The person must step out in obedience with nothing more than God's word
- The person tells others what God said before it actually happens

The process of leadership development

- Leaders are not born, but developed
- Not through an event, but over time
- Some times much time passes before the "word of the Lord" is fulfilled
- Noah waited 120 years before the predicted rains arrived
- Abraham waited 25 for a promised son
- Joseph waited in prison 14 years for a crime he did not commit & waited decades before his dreams became realities
- Michelle and I have been preparing our entire lives to bring us this moment!
- Chad and Kortney have been preparing their entire lives to bring them to this moment!
- It is a great moment! It will be remembered as the beginning of a great harvest of souls and a great church planting movement in Northern Missouri.
- Aaron and Micah are being prepared now for greater things in their future, as well as Morgan and Laine.

Conclusion

- You are blessed to be a blessing
- Your test is or will become you testimony
- God rescued you for you rescue others
- In the same way that God miraculously validated Moses' ministry, he will miraculously validate your ministry also.
- Like Moses, are you running away from God? Are you trying hard to ignore the call of God on your life?
- There was only one burning bush. Don't wait for some dramatic call of God to come out of the wilderness. This is your time. This is God's call to bring you back to his purpose.
- Today is the day of salvation.