



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Moses: A Journey Within

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THEME Life Lessons from Bible Characters

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Pastor Kok Guan spoke on the lessons we can learn from Moses' life.

During Moses' time, the Hebrews were kept as slaves by the Egyptians. As the Israelites grew great in number, Pharaoh ordered for all newborn Hebrew boys to be killed. Moses' mother therefore hid him amongst the reeds at the Nile. He was found by Pharaoh's daughter and brought up in the royal court. When Moses was an adult, he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew as he believed that no one saw him. He however found out that there were two Hebrews who knew about it so he fled to Midian in fear. From a lofty position as an Egyptian prince, Moses fell to the lowest position as a humble shepherd. God then used him to perform miracles and lead the Israelites out of Egypt after 40 years.

Through Moses' life journey, we can learn three lessons - knowing who you are, using what you have and seeking what you need.

A JOURNEY WITHIN

We are called to seek God with all our hearts. When we do that, we will discover that this journey within is worth walking through because God is walking with us. This journey consists of:

1. KNOWING WHO YOU ARE

Moses as a shepherd thought very lowly of himself and did not see himself through God's eyes. He also could not see that it was not about him but God. From these, we can learn that we must remember who we are in God, and not measure ourselves against others. We are in God's eyes:

- A child of God (Jn 1:12)
- Complete in Christ (Col 2:10)
- A member of His body (1 Cor 12:27)
- Free from condemnation (Rom 8:1)
- A citizen of heaven (Phil 3:20)
- The salt of the earth (Matt 5:13)
- The light of the world (Matt 5:14)
- The righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21)
- God's temple (1 Cor 3:16)
- God's co-worker (2 Cor 6:1)
- God's workmanship (Eph 2:10)
- Dearly loved (Jn 3:16)
- Totally forgiven (1 Jn 1:9)
- Completely accepted by God (1 Cor 6:20)

2. USING WHAT YOU HAVE

It is only when we know who we are that God can use what we have for His glory. We can see this through various examples from the life of Moses. For Moses, God showed this to him by turning Moses' staff into a serpent. He then used Moses to go before Pharaoh to call down the 10 plagues which led to the Israelites' release. He used Moses' staff as an instrument to part the Red Sea.

We are created as unique individuals by God, given different gifts, personalities and life experiences. Everything we have been through and all we have are meant to be used for God's glory. Although we may make mistakes along the way, God will walk along with us so that we may know what it means to walk in His ways. Therefore, are we willing to offer all we have to God?

Give God what you have so that He may use it beyond your imagination. He will honour those who honour Him.

3. SEEKING WHAT YOU NEED

In order to finish well, we also have to seek what we need. We all have desires and wishes in life but may not always get them. The 40 years in the desert gave Moses the required experience to lead the Israelites through it. Sometimes we may need to go through the long route to realize that without that journey, we may not be able to do what God has prepared for us to do today.

God's ultimate plan for Israel was for her to become a kingdom. Beyond having an army, land and laws, God's presence was needed for Israel to be set apart from other nations and be truly successful. A church too may be able to advance with strong leadership, sound teaching and solid infrastructure but there is no point if God is not in its midst. Serving God must be anchored by the need to seek God first. God will supply all we need to serve all those in need. If we have God with us, we have all that we need. If we have the presence of God, that is more than enough. What are you seeking after? Do you see your time with the Lord as a need?

We need the presence of God because life is a challenge but with God, it can be a miracle.

CONCLUSION

Seek God with all your heart and you will discover that this journey within is worth walking through because God is walking with you. Every step of the way is a journey about knowing who you are, using what you have and seeking what you need.

QUESTIONS

1. Reflect on the list of our identity in Christ. Which one stands out to you? Why?

2. Have you ever felt inadequate or ill-equipped in your service to God? Share how Moses' character has encouraged you in using what you have to serve the Lord.

3. Why is seeking God's presence important? Share on how you seek the Lord and if there are other steps you can take to seek Him further.