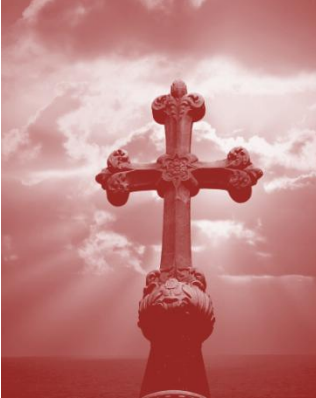


Moses

“The Faithful”



“But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?” Exodus 3:11

Moses may have said, “Why me, Lord?” Most people know the story of Moses and his being hidden in the water with the reeds so he would not be killed because a decree had been set that all Hebrew baby boys were to be drowned at birth. Moses went on to live a very productive life and to be a messenger for God, but he did not have an easy journey.

We know that his mother lived in fear, but was putting him in the water a right choice? Through her action she showed her love, her faith in God, and hope for the future of Moses. But Moses was just as human as you and I are. We are all called to do God’s work each day, and we often respond the same way that Moses, his mother, and his sister did. We fear, but we find that if we trust, God is there for us. He never leaves us alone.

After he had grown to be a young man, he fled to get away from the wrath of Pharaoh. Moses had gone to see his own people and witnessed an overseer beating one of the Hebrew men. In his anger he struck the Egyptian and killed him. He then fled for his life.

He was called by God through a burning bush and told it was time for him to go back to the land he had fled and lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt into a land “flowing with milk and honey.” Moses reacted much the same way we would. “Why me?” He told God he was not a good speaker and he wouldn’t be able to talk to the people. God told him to go get his brother Aaron and he would do the speaking. Then, he told Moses and Aaron of great things they would do. Aaron was with Moses and also saw many miracles and was able to do some himself. God provided Moses with the help he needed on earth and led him all the way.

Moses still was not convinced so God told him to take a rod that he is using and cast it to the ground. When he does this, the rod turns into a snake. God then told him to pick up the snake and it turned back into a rod. However, Moses is still questioning, so God told Moses to put his hand into his bosom and take it back out. When Moses did this he hand had leprosy and turned white as snow. Then God told him to put the hand back in again. When Moses did it became normal again. These are only two of the many things God did to convince Moses to do the job.

God told him, “I have said what I have said, now go!” God appears to us every day through His beautiful nature and He calls but not like the call He gave to Moses. God led Moses as he returned to Egypt and after ten plagues; the Pharaoh told Moses he could take the Hebrews. Then he changed his mind and God led Moses and the Hebrews through the Red Sea and protected them. The journey from Egypt to Canaan was forty years long. During that time many things happened to Moses. On one occasion during that time, he went to a mountain to commune with God and God gave him the Ten Commandments. But the people had gone astray while he was away and in anger he shattered the two tablets holding the Ten Commandments.

Are we ever called to go somewhere we don’t want to go, and even more to people that have threatened to kill us? We are called every day, every hour, but not under circumstances anywhere near those that Moses had to face. Every day, we have a chance to witness to our Lord by the actions we take on given situations. We have to go out into the world just like Moses did even

though he wanted to hide in the hills where he was safe. God will be with us wherever we go. We cannot hide from Him.

Prayer: Lord God, we know that we are a part of this wonderful world, and although You have given us everything, we sometimes want more, or we don't want to stop and say "Thank You" because we are too busy enjoying what You have given us. And, in some small way we enjoy thinking we are responsible for the blessings we see each day. Help us to realize that You have called us, each in a unique way, to be Your servants here on earth, to show that love, and to heed Your command as You will. We know that You will never send us out alone because You are always with us. Amen.

1. Are we ever called to help people that aren't really the most desirable people to help?
2. Are we ever called to stand up for our Lord when we know it is not the popular thing to do?
3. How can we know that God is always with us and will never send us out alone?
4. What can we do today to show God's love through us?

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