

‘A WORKING FAITH’ Pt.2
MOSES: PAUPER OF MEDIAN
EX. 2:11-16; 3:1-2; HEB. 11:27

A WORKING FAITH CAN FAIL
‘THE SLAYER’

Exod. 2:11-12: *“One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”* **Heb. 11:27:** *“By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.”*

The Problem

Moses is rejected by Egypt **and** Israel.

The Pressure

1. Moses is wanted because of murder and **not** wanted because of murder.
2. Having no choice, Moses flees Egypt.

The Pattern

1. Commit your life to God.
2. Consult God’s counsel.
3. Choose God’s way.

A WORKING FAITH NEEDS TO BE PREPARED
‘THE SCHOOLING’

Exodus 2:15b, *“Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian”*

The Wilderness

1. To wait on God is the greatest economy of time.
2. Moses learns that deliverance comes from God, not man.

The Well

1. Stop running and striving and sit down and get still with God.
2. Working Faith advances by sitting by the *Water of the Word*.

The Wisdom

What does Moses gain during his years in the wilderness?

- a. Patience: God cuts away his pride.
- b. Purity: The wilderness worked as a filter taking away all impurities.
- c. Preparation: He gained understanding and insight.

A WORKING FAITH IS ENCOURAGED
‘THE SHOCK’

Exod. 3:1-2: *1 “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.”*

The Response

Moses makes excuses for not going: Maturity, Message, Mouth and Motivation

The Recommendation

God convinces Moses he can do it with: Branch, Blight and Blood.

The Reason

Deut 8:2, *“Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart . . . ”*

1. Help others: Moses went through the desert so he could lead his nation through similar circumstances.
2. Humble us: Humility is evidence of a right relationship with God and great strength of character.
3. Heart: For it’s only when we are in the deserts that the real condition of our hearts is revealed.
4. Hope: We can make it with a *“Working Faith.”*