

MOSES THE LEADER

There is good news for those of us who have made serious mistakes in our past. Let's look into some Biblical case studies.

- 1. There was a famine in the land of Israel. Why did Jacob send his sons to Egypt? (Gen. 42:1-2) _____
- When the sons returned from Egypt with a good report that his son, Joseph, was still alive, what did Jacob decide to do? (Gen. 45:28)
- 3. What did God promise Jacob? (Gen. 46:3-4)
 - a. "I will make you a great _____ down there." (Growth of the nation)
 - b. "I will go down _____ you to _____." (Protection)
 - c. "I will bring you back _____ again." (Be buried back home)
 - d. "Joseph will put his _____ on your ____." (Joseph will be there)
- 4. God kept his promises. Which promise is mentioned in Exodus 1:7?

The nation of Israel (the family of Jacob) was living in a famine. They needed grain for food. Jacob sent his sons to ask Egypt for help. God was one step ahead; He allowed Joseph (Jacob's son) to be sold & dragged to Egypt years before. He became a prime minister in Egypt's government. He was already there to save his family from starvation & extinction. God gave <u>a second chance</u> to Israel long before Moses was born. The nation grew into a huge population down in Egypt.

- 5. After Joseph died in Egypt, and for the next 350 years in Egypt, there was a change of leadership. The new leader did not know Joseph. What was this leader's big concern? (Ex. 1:9)
- 6. What new policy did the Egyptian leader set in motion against the people of Israel? (Ex. 1:13-14)

- 7. What other disgusting policy did the king of Egypt start? (Ex. 1:22)
- 8. Moses was born during this period. Keeping Moses alive was hopeless. What did his mother do anyway? (Ex. 2:1-4)
- 9. What was the first "second chance" miracle? (Ex. 2:6)
- 10. What the second "second chance" miracle? (Ex. 2:7-10)
- 11. What was the third "second chance" miracle? (Ex. 2:10)

God had a plan for Moses' life that he did not know about yet. He was just a kid. However, the evil things of life happened. Egypt killed all the newborn male babies. Moses was spared. Moses needed to be cared for. His mother did it. Moses needed to belong to a legal family. Pharoah's daughter adopted him. Excuse me, but <u>God's plans are not defeated</u>. God's plans for <u>you</u> are not defeated. Hang on my brother. God's plan includes second chances. God will guide & protect you. Don't give up on yourself.

12. ____Y___N In Exodus 2:12, Moses killed an Egyptian man.

13. ____Y___N In Exodus 2:12, Moses immediately turned himself in.

- 14. ____Y___N In Exodus 2:14, Moses got away with the crime.
- 15. When the Pharoah heard about the crime, what did he want toDo? (Exodus 2:15) _____
- 16. What did Moses do? _____
- 17. He travelled nearly 325 miles across the Sinai Desert:
 - a. What territory did he end up in? (2:15)
 - b. Whose family did he meet up with? (2:18)
 - c. He eventually married who? (Ex. 2:21) _____
- Hey!! Things are looking up, right. Wrong. What was Moses feeling in his heart? (Ex. 2:22)
- 19. What was news back in Egypt? (2:23)
 - a. About the Egyptian king. _____
 - b. About the Jewish people ______

Moses' life started out with multiple miracles from God. He knew he was a Hebrew (Jewish) and that he should choose carefully from the Egyptian way of life. Then, he killed an Egyptian man. That definitely feels like a setback to me. He ran away to the desert in fear and despair. He met a family, married one of the daughters, and started his new career shepherding sheep and goats. God miraculous spared this man for this? He probably wondered where his life was going.

- 20. God shared with Moses the news back in Egypt. Then, He said, "I will send you to Pharoah to lead the Jews out of there." What was Moses' response? (Ex. 3:11)
- 21. What was Moses' fourth "second chance"? (Ex. 3:12)
- 22. What was Moses' response to God? (Ex. 2:13)
- 23. What was Moses' fifth "second chance"? (Ex. 3:14-22)
- 24. What was Moses' response to God this time? (Ex. 4:1)
- 25. What was Moses' sixth "second chance"? (Ex. 4:2-12)
- 26. What was Moses' response? (Ex. 4:13) _____
- 27. What was Moses' 7th "second chance"?
- 28. Moses made a decision; he changed his attitude; his confidence in God changed; his focus on his weaknesses changed. What phrase tells us he changed his mind to obey God? (Ex. 4:20) 8th second chance
- 29. What "change in thinking" do you need to consider for your life?

God may wait your whole life for you to make a life change.
Wouldn't it be better to make the necessary changes now? _Y_N