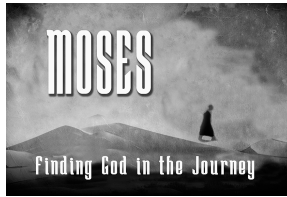


## **Humility: How it changed Moses' life and how it can transform ours.**

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Hebrews 11:23-28 <sup>23</sup> By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

### **3 Things you'd like to be remembered for:**

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Princeton philosopher Walter Kaufmann has written: "in Greece, the heroes of the past were held to have been sired by a god or to have been born of a goddess ... [and] in Egypt, the Pharaoh was considered divine." But despite the extraordinary veneration accorded Moses ("*there has not arisen a prophet like Moses*" Duet. 34:10) — no Jewish thinker ever thought he was anything other than a man.  
-Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. *Jewish Literacy* pg. 46

### **1. The humble person believes God knows more about life than they do.** Exodus 4:13-20 & Deuteronomy 34

After 40 years away from Egypt, God asks Moses to return to confront Pharaoh. Moses is very reluctant to go, he remembers the reasons he fled and feels inadequate to do the job God is calling him to do. In spite of Moses' real hesitations, he packs his family and leaves the security and wealth he has built up to venture into the unknown.

Can you think of times where the direction of your life was determined by fears from past experiences or feelings of inadequacy? When God desired to move you in a new direction, how did (do) you respond?

### **2. The humble person believes other people are a source of life-changing wisdom.** Exodus 18

In Exodus 18 Moses receives life-changing advice from a very unlikely source. Only the prideful person believes that they know how and when God is going to give them insight about life.

### **3. Humility keeps us afloat in a sea(son) of disappointment.**

Exodus 15:24; 16:2; 17:3; 32 Numbers 11; 12; 14:29; 16

It can be depressing to read about the ungrateful people Moses is called to lead. I believe that most people faced with the kind of opposition Moses faces would quit and run as far away as they could!

Why do you suppose Moses continues to show up day after day? Perhaps Moses' humility has can encourage us to do the same.

### **4. Humility helps keep us centered on the simple teachings of the Bible (love God, love others).** Deuteronomy 6:5 & 19:18

In our culture we are taught that most of what is worth having is earned. God's gift of forgiveness comes not through our hard work, but because of His. Only in humility can you admit that you need what God alone can give. Similarly most of the voices we hear today encourage us to chase after our own heart's desires. Only in humility can you resist this powerful temptation and put God and others where they are meant to be.

***Notes:***
