

## Taking it Home:

What made the difference between success and failure in Moses' life was the Lord. Even though Moses was the right man, his original attempt to deliver his people from Pharaoh failed. But forty years later with God's help he succeeded.

What areas of your life do you need God's help in?



## Small Group Lesson

*Exodus Journey for the week of Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

## Quick Review:

In Sunday's message Pastor Bob said that the book of Exodus was a book about a rescue. God rescued his people Israel from the hands of Pharaoh. What insight, principle or observation was the most helpful, eye opening, or troubling?

## My Story:

In Ex. 2:11-12 Moses, knowing he was God's man to deliver his people, defended one of his relatives by killing the Egyptian who fought with him. While Moses' intentions were right, we all would agree that he took things too far. Has there ever been a time in your life when you went too far with a good thing?

In Ex. 2:16-17 Moses defended the priest of Midian and his seven daughters. This is the second time we see Moses fighting injustice. This seems to be the pattern in his life. Therefore, it doesn't come as a surprise that Moses became a law giver. What patterns in your life do you see and how could they reveal how God might use your life?

## **Digging Deeper:**

Moses' life can be divided into three phases: He lived in Egypt his first forty years. Forty years in the wilderness as a shepherd. Forty years after the Exodus in the wilderness with the Israelites.

According to Ex. 2:11 Moses learned to identify with the suffering of his people. What things in your present circumstances could God be trying to get you to identify with?

After fleeing Egypt, Moses had forty years to think about his failure as a deliverer. After these forty years in the wilderness as a shepherd, God appears to Moses in a burning bush and sends him to deliver the Israelites from Pharaoh. What do you think forty years of looking back on failure taught him according to Ex. 3:9-11?

If God can use Moses after he failed, what does that say about how God can use us even after we've failed?

In Ex. 5:22-6:1 Moses' first attempt to get Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free failed. Moses failed after a direct encounter with God at the burning bush. Moses failed after receiving a direct call from God to deliver the Israelites. Moses failed after performing a couple of miracles in God's name. What did Moses say about this failure? What did God have to say about it? And what can we learn about Moses' failure from God's response to it?

Ex. 14:30-31 summarizes what God did for Israel to deliver them from the Egyptians. He saved them from the hand of the Egyptians. To do this He plagued them 10 times. Moses' original attempt to deliver his people in his own strength failed, but this same Moses with God's help succeeded. What do we learn from this?