

# **The Life of Moses:**

A Lesson on Discerning and Fulfilling Your Life's Purpose

## **Moses' Family Background**

- Tribe of Levi = Priest
- Son of Amram and Jochebed
- Brother of Aaron and Miriam
- Husband of Zipporah
- Father of Gershom

## **Timeline of Moses' Life**

Moses' life can be divided into three sections of forty years:

- ✓ 40 years with Pharaoh in Egypt
- ✓ 40 years with God in the Desert
- ✓ 40 years with the Hebrews in the Wilderness

## **Godly Purpose Requires:**

1. Preparation through and in places that are seemingly ungodly
2. An intimate Worship life with God
3. Reverence for the Holy things of God
4. A concern for the oppressions of God's people
5. Patience and flexibility with God

## **Major Moments in Moses' Life**

### **(Exodus)**

- ✓ Pharaoh's fear of the Hebrews & edict to kill the male children (1)
- ✓ Shiphrah and Puah's disobedience (1)
- ✓ Adopted by Pharaoh's daughter (2:4-10)
- ✓ Kills an Egyptian (2:11,12)
- ✓ Flees to Midian (2:15)
- ✓ Encounter at the burning bush (3:1-9)

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### **(Exodus)**

- ✓ Return to Egypt (4,5)
- ✓ Demand for freedom and Ten Plagues (7-12)
- ✓ Exodus from Egypt (12,13)
- ✓ Miracle at the Red Sea (14)
- ✓ The people murmur against Moses (16)
- ✓ Manna and Water from the Rock (16,17)
- ✓ Jethro's Advice (18)
- ✓ Mt. Sinai (19-40)

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#### **(Exodus)**

- ✓ Aaron and the golden calf (32)
- ✓ Moses' desire to see God's glory (33)
- ✓ Building the sanctuary/tabernacle (36)
- ✓ Ecclesiastical/Liturgical regulations (37-40)

#### Major Moments in Moses' Life

#### (Numbers)

- ✓ Sinai to Kadesh-Barnea (10-12)
- ✓ Moses asks God to kill him (11)
- ✓ Aaron and Miriam's jealous mutiny (12)
- ✓ Spies sent into Canaan (13)
- ✓ People want another leader to take them back to Egypt (14)
- ✓ Punishment at Kadesh-Barnea (14)
- ✓ 40 years in the wilderness (14-16)

### **Major Moments in Moses' Life**

#### **(Numbers)**

- ✓ Return to Kadesh-Barnea & Moses' sin (20)
- ✓ Aaron and Miriam's death (20)
- ✓ Journey to the Jordan River (20-33)
- ✓ People murmur against Moses (21)
- ✓ Joshua chosen to succeed Moses (27)
- ✓ Moses' Death (Deut. 32-34)

### **Moses' Continual Challenges**

- ✓ Complaining People
- ✓ Anger and Frustration with the people and with God
- ✓ God's frustration with the people
- ✓ The weight and restrictions of God's glory
- ✓ Bearing the burden of leadership alone
- ✓ Perception of improper motivation