



Acts 7:20-29
New International Version

²⁰ “At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child.^[d] For three months he was cared for by his family. ²¹ When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. ²² Moses was **educated in all the wisdom** of the Egyptians and was **powerful in speech and action**.

²³ “When Moses was **forty years old**, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not. ²⁶ The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’

²⁷ “But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’ ²⁸ Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ ²⁹ When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.

Having Jesus is enough in a Season of Waiting

“Our wounds are often the openings into the best and most beautiful part of us.” – David Richo



Sermon Notes

Where is God?

A Study on the Life of Moses

Wounds get INFLICTED

WOUND: a deep sense that there is a core part of us that is unlovable, unacceptable and unwanted.

SUFFERING when you are wounded but feel powerless to heal

The biggest disease the world suffers from in this day and age is the disease of people feeling unloved ~ Princess Diana

Wounds get CAMOUFLAGED

“Success does not heal the wound, it irritates it because it forces the question, ‘Am I loved apart from what I do?’” Steve Berglas

Wounds produce INFECTION

“Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.” Num 20:11

THE WAY OF HEALING

1. Be **honest** to God and Yourself (Jeremiah 17:9)
2. Be **receptive** to God’s activity in your life (2 Cor 7:10)
3. Become a **wounded healer** (2 Cor 1:4)

LIVING WORD

Stubborn Reluctance Overcome

The milestones of history are marked by people who have faced and overcome seemingly impossible demands. Battlefield monuments utter mute testimony to these events. Your daily challenges may seem small in comparison-but not at the time they arrive. This study shows how God put an impossible demand on Moses and propelled him into national leadership.

Discovering the Word, Read Exodus 3-4

- What motivates God to act on behalf of his people (3:7-10)?
- How does Moses respond to God's assignment (3:11-13)?
- What reassurance does God give Moses (3:12-22)?
- What other doubts and fears does Moses have (4:1, 10)?
- How does God deal with these inadequacies (4:2-9, 11-12)?
- How do the events in 4:27-31 confirm the Lord's promises to Moses?

Application

When have you felt inadequate to do something God wanted you to do?

When you are sure God is speaking to you, and a specific "Yes, Lord" is expected of you, what things influence your answer?

Responding

Confront your fears and feelings of inadequacy.

Call to mind all the ways God has equipped you.

Continue to move forward.

“Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank. But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.” Num 20:11-12

He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us 2 Corinthians 1:4 (NCV)

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18