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Good Intentions Exodus 2:11-25 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

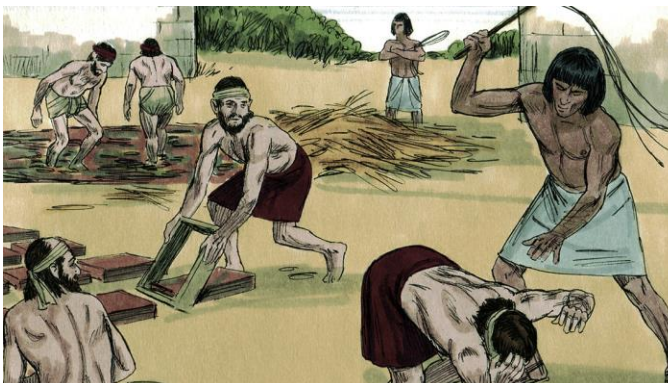
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the second part of Exodus 2. In this section Moses is grown up but still living in the house of Pharaoh. One day Moses sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew slave. Moses knows that the Hebrews are his people so he steps in and kills the Egyptian. Because of this Moses has to flee from Pharaoh's house to save his own life. After leaving Moses meets the daughters of the Priest of Midian. He stays with them and is given one of the daughters as his wife. Moses tried to take matters into his own hands and ended up having to flee for his life and was separated from all the Israelites. Join us this week as we talk about Moses' actions and what we can learn from his character and his desire to do right, as it applies to our own lives.



EXODUS 2:11-25 NASB

11Now it came about in those days, when Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one *around*, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, “Why are you striking your companion?” 14But he said, “Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and said, “Surely the matter has become known.”

Moses Escapes to Midian

15When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.

16Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came to draw water and filled the troughs to water their father’s flock. 17Then the shepherds came and drove them away, but Moses stood up and helped them and watered their flock. 18When they came to Reuel their father, he said, “Why have you come *back* so soon today?” 19So they said, “An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and what is more, he even drew the water for us and watered the flock.” 20He said to his daughters, “Where is he then? Why is it that you have left the man behind? Invite him to have something to eat.” 21Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses. 22Then she gave birth to a son, and he named him Gershom, for he said, “I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.”

23Now it came about in *the course of* those many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry for help because of *their* bondage rose up to God. 24So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 25God saw the sons of Israel, and God took notice *of them*.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. Why would Moses kill the Egyptian?
2. Was it wrong for Moses to kill the Egyptian who was beating the Hebrew slave?
3. Would it have been wrong for Pharaoh, who is the supreme ruler of the land, to have Moses killed for his crime?
4. Why do you think Moses helped Reuel's daughters water the flock?
5. Do you think Reuel, the priest of Midian, worships the one true God?
6. What does it mean that God heard the groaning of Israel? Did He not know about their afflictions before?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

7. In trying to defend his people Moses killed someone. Why do you think this is included in Scripture?
8. Do you think God guided Moses to find the Priest of Midian? Does God guide us and look after us even after we sin?
9. What do we learn about the heart and character of Moses in this passage? Knowing that God uses Moses for great things, what does this tell us about our own relationship with the work of the Kingdom?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes