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Moses: A hero in the faith

Exodus 2:1 (NKJV)

1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi.

Exodus 2:2 (NKJV)

2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.

Exodus 2:3 (NKJV)

3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.

Exodus 2:4 (NKJV)

4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

Exodus 2:5 (NKJV)

5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.

Exodus 2:6 (NKJV)

6 And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

Exodus 2:7 (NKJV)

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

Exodus 2:8 (NKJV)

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother.

Exodus 2:9 (NKJV)

9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

Exodus 2:10 (NKJV)

10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

1) Heroes fail, but they fail forward

Acts 7:23 (NKJV)

23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.

Acts 7:24 (NKJV)

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian.

2) Heroes overcome their reluctance by trusting God

Exodus 3:11 (NKJV)

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:12 (NKJV)

12 So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Exodus 3:13 (NKJV)

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"

Exodus 3:14 (NKJV)

14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:15 (NKJV)

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15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'

Exodus 4:10 (NKJV)

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Exodus 4:11 (NKJV)

11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?"

Exodus 4:12 (NKJV)

12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say."

Exodus 4:13 (NKJV)

13 But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send."

Exodus 4:14 (NKJV)

14 So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:15 (NKJV)

15 Now you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you what you shall do.

Exodus 4:16 (NKJV)

16 So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.

Exodus 4:17 (NKJV)

17 And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs."

3) Heroes open themselves to God's transforming work in them

4) Heroes acknowledge their limitations and enlist others

Exodus 18:17 (NKJV)

17 So Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing that you do is not good.

Exodus 18:18 (NKJV)

18 Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.

Heroes: