

Lessons Learned Through Failure

MOSES: GOD'S MAN FOR A CRISIS

Moses Background

- Josephus has much to say about Moses
- An Egyptian sacred scribe prophesied about a Hebrew boy, if reared, would bring the Egyptians low. So the baby boys were to be thrown into the river
- His Mother's name was Thermuthis
- He was a "fine" child. Appearance, intelligence
- He reacted to the crown of the Pharaoh. Scribe reacted
- Moses in 20's when Pharaoh died
- Mother marries two half-brothers 5 yrs apart

Moses Background

- Second half-brother jealous and suspicious of Moses
- Ethiopians made war with Egypt
- All were glad to see Moses put in charge
- Some hoping he would be killed, some he would win
- Moses led army to victory
- While they laid siege to the city Saba, Tharbis appears
- Moses' success as military leader created envy and fear
- It is suggested the Pharaoh had spies watching Moses
- His decision to kill the Egyptian sealed his future

Moses' Self Reliance

- Moses had been taught to be a decision maker
- Moses had never failed in anything he did
- He knew he was born to deliver his people
- Delivering them was simply another military exercise
- The people failed to respond and the spies had done their work and now he was a wanted man
- He fled where people don't go
- For the first time in his life he was not wanted anywhere

Failure Is A Teacher

- Ex.2:15 – By a well, in a desolate land, God teaches
 - Ps.119:67,71 – Lessons from failure
 - Looking Back, Lessons from Ex.2:11-15
1. Spiritual ends are not achieved by sinful means
 2. Timing is as important as the action
 3. Hiding a wrong doesn't erase a wrong
 4. Spiritual leadership is God appointed, not self assumed

Learning From Failure

- A lonely walk in the desert was a teaching time. 2:16-25
- A. He adopted the attitude of a servant, a rescuer 16-20
- B. The willingness to go from being a "SOMEBODY" to a nobody – 21
- 1 Tim.6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain,
- C. The ability to rest and rely on God -22-25
- I'm sure Moses heard news from Egypt
- He stayed put
- We have all failed at one time, did we learn from it?