

Lessons from the Life of Moses
Welcome to Harvest Community Church
Series: 10X²
Text: Exodus 3:1-10

God raised up Moses to lead their deliverance out of 430 years of slavery. It was on the last day of their 430th year that God led them out. **Exodus 12:40** Moses wasn't always 10X but he **grew** to become that kind of an individual. God has a way of growing and developing people over the course of their lives. No one starts out 10X it is something that you must grow into.

- ❖ The first part of becoming 10X is a season of **breaking**. Every one of us will go through a season of refining and breaking.

~ A.W. Tozer - "It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply."

This part of the growth **process** happens in various seasons and contains multiple lessons. When Moses was still in Egypt and at the age of forty God had to break him of dealing with things in his own way and according to his own agenda. Moses saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite and came to his defense and killed the Egyptian. Moses was used to doing things his way. **Acts 7:23-29** Everyone who becomes 10X must learn to choose God's **will** and God's plan over their ways and their plans. **Proverbs 14:12**

A key area that must be broken in order for a person to be greatly used by God is **worldliness**. Moses needed to make a clean break from Egypt. **Acts 7:22** It takes time to unlearn what you have spent a lifetime learning and believing and learning the things that God wants you to know. **Acts 7:29-30, Exodus 3:1-2** God will take you out of Egypt but it will take a process to take Egypt out of you. It took **40 years** on the backside of the desert to get Egypt out of Moses. It took him as long to unlearn as it did to learn. This paralleled how long that Moses would spend in the wilderness with the Israelites.

Acts 7:38-39, Joshua 5:6

Despite God's goodness, the Israelites longed for the life that they had left behind.

God will break those that He desires to work through of the sin of **pride**. **Acts 7:25 (NLT)** Moses truly believed that he was doing God's will, only to be rejected by his own people. God had brought Moses to a place of **humility**. An **extended** period doing seemingly menial work prepared him for an extended season of usefulness.

1 Peter 5:6

- ❖ Moses teaches us about the role **faithfulness** plays in making us 10X. True faith in God results in a life of faithfulness to God. There are several things that we learn from the life of Moses about the role faithfulness plays in our lives in shaping us to become 10X.

- 1) Those who become 10X are made that way through faithfulness in the small things before they are entrusted with the big things. This is a pattern throughout scripture. (Think King David) Moses went from being the Prince of Egypt to the shepherd of Jethro (his Father-in-Law). Moses was promoted because he was faithful.
- 2) Faithfulness humbles us. There is nothing glamorous about faithfulness. It is found in the routine, the mundane and even the boring. That is why it humbles us. It is done behind the scenes, where nobody sees us or applauds us. It is developed in the hidden and secret places. Faithfulness is found where it is expected before it is discovered by those who are pleased to discover it in a person's life.
- 3) Faithfulness matures us. There will be times that you want to quit. Faithfulness builds in us the stick-to-it-ness needed when things get hard. Moses was tending to sheep for forty years. He led the Israelites for forty years. Faithfulness recognizes the opportunity that God has them in and refuses to jump into all the other opportunities that present themselves. Longevity is a sign of faithfulness. (Work, Ministry, Marriage)
- 4) Faithfulness prepares us. When we are faithful God can entrust us with greater responsibility. (Greater does not imply that what was before was less- than. It is a description of more responsibility.) Faithfulness in the little things gives us the strength, experience and stamina to deal with bigger things. **Matthew 25:23**

- ❖ Moses teaches us about the role God's presence plays in us being 10X. The presence of God was a defining factor in the life of Moses. He encountered God in the burning bush, on the mountain where He received the 10 Commandments and came down glowing from the presence of the glory of God. Moses was lead by the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. These represented that the presence of God was with Israel. **Exodus 34:32-35, Exodus 13:21, Exodus 33:14-20** Those who are 10X have been in the presence of God and those who are around you are able to see it. Those who are 10X understand the value of the presence of God in their lives.

Three things that Moses received in the presence of God:

- 1) Moses received God's purpose - at the burning bush God showed Moses what He wanted to do in and through his life. If you want to know God's purpose for your life you must spend time in his presences. Remember that it took Moses forty years to let go of his own desires.
- 2) Moses received God's plan - knowing your purpose is one thing, how that purpose is to happen requires knowledge of God's plan. **Proverbs 16:9** God gave Moses a detailed plan. It was the start of the plan and because Moses spent time in God's presence, he would receive every "next" step of the plan.

- 3) Moses received God's **power** - God will always **equip** you with what you need to fulfill His purpose and plan. God's purpose for your life will **require** His power to get it done. **Exodus 4:1-5** Remember Jesus has done the same for us under the New Covenant. **Acts 1:8**

Those who are 10X understand that you find the purpose, plans and power of God in His presence.

- ❖ A key thing that we learn from Moses is that everyone who becomes 10X must deal with their **insecurities**. What are some of the insecurities that you face? All of us have insecurities.

Five insecurities we must overcome to be 10X.

- 1) Feelings of being **insignificant** (I am not important enough)
Remember God had to deal with Moses' pride. Now God needed to build him back up again. **Exodus 3:10-11** Moses was saying – "God I'm a nobody. Why would you choose me?"
- 2) Feelings of **incompetence** (I don't know enough)
God will always give you what you need to know. **Exodus 3:13-14** Always remember that competence comes from the presence of God. God does not call the competent, He equips the called.
- 3) Feelings of being **invalid** (Am I credible enough?)
All of us face the credibility gap. None of us want to be fraud. What if they do not believe me or in me? **Exodus 4:1** Moses had already fallen short forty years earlier. All of us are aware of our faults, mistakes, missteps and sins. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well, He restored her and did not condemn her. All of us need a revelation of God's **redeeming** and restoration power.
- 4) Feelings of being **inadequate** (I'm not skilled enough)
Moses reminded God of his personal weaknesses. For Moses it was a speech impediment. **Exodus 4:10** Man looks at skill sets. God looks at availability. **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**
- 5) Feelings of **inferiority** (I'm not good enough)
Those who become 10X must overcome their inferiority complex. **Exodus 4:13** We must learn that when we are not enough that God is more than enough. **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

Those who become 10X work through all of their **excuses**.

~ John Maxwell – It's easier to go from failure to success than it is from excuses to success. Excuses are just exit ramps off the highway of obedience.

When insecurities rise up, and they will, choose **obedience** every time.