

IDENTITY CRISIS

Exodus 2:11-25

- I. **SALVATION** and true **JUSTICE** can only be accomplished by God.

- II. Following the Lord is **COSTLY** and may not be what we **EXPECT**.

- III. It may be during the least **EVENTFUL** times that God is doing His most **IMPORTANT** work in our lives.

- IV. God always **HEARS** His people and always keeps His **PROMISES**.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Have you ever felt a loss of identity? When and how? How does our culture view identity? Is it chosen for us or do we do the choosing?
2. Do you think it is a common belief that we are all created in the image of God, and that we are born into sin? What does the world believe? For the Christian, our most important identity is that we are in Christ, how do we get distracted by other identities?
3. Read Exodus 2:11-12 and Acts 7:21-24. Discuss how Moses' motivation was right but how he failed with his implementation. How do you understand God's idea of justice and how we fail to carry that out by human means? Ecc. 3:17, Hosea 12:6, Romans 12:19
4. Read Hebrews 11:24-27, Moses is lauded for his faith. What was he giving up in Egypt and why? Have you ever stepped out in faith with good intentions to serve God and then failed? Explain.
5. Moses was rejected by his own people, they did not respect him for what he was trying to do. Read Ex. 2:13-15 and Acts 7:25-29. How was Moses greeted when he took the matters into his own hands to defend the Israelites? How does Moses' story help us understand how our plans may fail if they are not from God? Isaiah 55:8-9. Do you see any parallels with our own salvation? Do we try to save ourselves or others by our own efforts and not by God's mercy and grace?
6. Read Exodus 2:15-22. Moses lands in Midian and starts a family. He was a shepherd for 40 years. How do you think this experience may have shaped Moses? Numbers 12:3 states that Moses was humble. Read Acts 7:22-24. Do you think Moses would have been described as humble during this season of his life? Proverbs 11:2, Matt. 18:1-4, Matt. 23:11-12, Micah 6:8.
7. How do you think Moses' 40 years as a humble shepherd could have prepared him for what was yet to come?
8. Read Ex. 2:23-25. What does the Bible mean when it says "God remembered"? How does it give you comfort to know that God hears His people and keeps His promises?
9. Read Eph. 2:8-10. How are we saved and for what purpose?



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