

Moses: Single-Again, But Not Sidelined for God

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1 – God can use you in spite of your singleness, separation or divorce

Exodus 4:19-20, 24-26 Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead.” So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand... At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it. “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,” she said. So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said “bridegroom of blood,” referring to circumcision.)

Exodus 18:2-5 After Moses had sent away his wife Zipporah, his father-in-law Jethro received her and her two sons. One son was named Gershom, for Moses said, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land”; and the other was named Eliezer, for he said, “My father’s God was my helper; he saved me from the sword of Pharaoh. Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, together with Moses’ sons and wife, came to him in the wilderness, where he was camped near the mountain of God.

Numbers 12:1 Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.

I Cor 7:32-35 An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord’s affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

2 – God can use you in spite of your past sins, bad choices & failures

Exodus 2:11-15 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?” The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.” When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian.

John 7:38 Jesus said, "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

3 – God can use you in spite of your excuses

Exodus 3:11 to 4:13 [The LORD said to Moses] “Now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” *[excuse #1]* But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” And God said, “I will be with you.”... *[excuse #2]* Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”... *[excuse #3]* Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me

or listen to me and say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you?’”... [excuse #4] Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” [excuse #5] But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

4 – God can use you in spite of people complaining or grumbling about you

Exodus 16:2 In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey (*cooperate with, respect, be supportive of*) your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

5 – God can use you in spite of impossible circumstances

Exodus 14:9-15 The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops —pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea...As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. (Everyone to answer) Share your name, career field, and something enjoyable you already did or are looking forward to doing this summer.**

Questions to have 2-3 people answer and discuss as a group:

- 2. Was there something new that you learned about God tonight that was helpful?**
- 3. What did you heard in tonight that was a positive encouragement to you?**
- 4. Have you ever had any excuses about why you couldn’t know God better or serve Him in some way? What were one or some of your excuses in the past?**
- 5. Have you ever served the LORD at a Christian camp, short-term missions trip(s), ministry or in another way? When and where? How did you like that experience?**
- 6. If you know your spiritual gifts/abilities to serve others, what is one or some of those gifts?**
- 7. If you really took this teaching to heart, what changes could it make in your life in the future?**
- 8. If you’ve been here in the past or saw any of the teaching videos/handouts online at ChristianSinglesInDenver.com, what has been a favorite, most helpful, or memorable teaching?**