

How To Pass Repeated Test

Ex. 2:11-17. Within a few verses, Moses is faced with three different roles; liberator, would-be judge, and fugitive. He goes to war against the unjust Egyptian and misses God. Then he runs away from his past and runs into another combat situation. He meets a group of women who are being mistreated at the local watering hole, and fresh from one fight, he stands up for justice. Notice what is flowing in his life. Moses has a strong sense of right and wrong. He was willing to fight for what he believed to be right. He is sensitive to the needs of those who were helpless. His heart had been captured by the desire to set people free, long before he would lead the Israelites into the desert. Look at it this way - God has already begun to show you your future by exposing you to certain right and wrong situations in life. If you looked closely at your childhood, you would certainly find some things that you sensed needed changing during your early years of development. Moses was a crusader and liberator long before the burning bush experience. In the same way, you have been destined for greatness and purpose long before you began to mature in God.

One of the first signs of a call from God may be your feelings of strong desires to make the world a better place. You may, like Moses, get started in the wrong way, but your early errors will not erase your future in God. Your early errors may cause you to be separated from family, from relatives and the life you were comfortable living. Moses had to leave Pharaoh's house as a result of his impulsive emotions. He ran to the desert as a result of his mistakes. Look closely at your life. Are you hiding in the desert of shame or fear of success? Are you afraid that others will find out about your perverted heart? Have you stopped fighting for justice because someone you helped betrayed you? Are you hiding your true abilities because of an early failure?

How did Moses get his life back on track? **Ex. 2:15-22.** Many believers immediately consider Moses' later experience with God at the burning bush as the thing that helped him the most. However, before the burning bush, Moses' life began to change in the best way because he continued to take action based on his sense of right and wrong. He could have sat by and watched the shepherds take advantage of the women. Had he done nothing, his life would have continued downhill. But because he refused to let an early failure kill the passion in his heart, he stood up to defend those who needed help. He did not know that this move would provide him a home, a wife, and a setting for God to prepare him for the future. God would use Moses' time in the wilderness to enlarge his heart. This means that you have to get back in the game. You may have fallen, been diagnosed with disease or shamed your entire community; God still has plans for your life.

Do not try to reduce your dream to fit the size of your past failures. Do not abort your spiritual growth because of your fear. Get up and try again. Stay in the race. The prize does not go to the fastest runner. The prize goes to the one who endures to the end. Because of your past, you may not be able to run like you used to - so what! Walk into your destiny! Crawl if you have to. Know that God is using everything in your life, even your failures, to prepare you for a brighter future. You may have had to run away - so what! God will meet you in your desert. This is not final chapter of your life. If you would continue to pursue that which is right in your heart, you can still fulfill the will of God for your life.

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