Moses - Life of Destiny #1 "Owing Others" Ex 3:9-10

Going to look at the life of Moses: How did he enter the destiny God planned for his life? Will take time to examine his life in detail.
Exodus 3:9-10 *⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."*

I. FAKE MUSHROOMS
A. Destiny: God has a plan/purpose for your life
    1. God's will – planned from eternity - Usefulness/impact on other people
        a. **Exodus 3:10** *So now I am sending you to the king of Egypt. Go! Bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt!"*
    2. Destiny involves personal decisions: You choose – you believe - you act - you obey
        a. *God's blesses: We find God's will – we're able to make impact on other people*
B. But our mistake is to assume that destiny is a solo performance: *We sprang up – like a mushroom*
    1. We tell the stories of: *I prayed/I decided/I believed/I acted...*
        a. It sounds like we did this all by ourself   b. Old song: I have a destiny...
    2. But that is inaccurate: A solo destiny is impossible
        a. If you ever see a turtle sitting on top of a fencepost, you know he didn't get there by himself
C. When we live like we are a solo effort – it has bad effects
    1. **We forget:** *Where we came from/who invested in us*
    2. **We despise:** *We look down on anyone with problems – b/c we assume we never made mistakes*
    3. **We separate ourselves:** *From other people – even from our Pastor*
        a. **Proverbs 18:1** *Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeks And intermeddles with all wisdom.*
    4. We act **independently:** *I can do whatever I want – look at what I've done!!*
        a. A man said to me: Do you know how many churches I've planted???? He is gone today.

II. THE JOINT EFFORT
A. The story of Moses/destiny is a joint effort: Look at the people who helped Moses
    1. **Midwives who risked:** *Exodus 1:17 The midwives feared God and didn't do what the king told them to do; they let the boys live.*
    2. **Parents who believed/instructed/protected – prepared:**
        a. **Hebrews 11:23** *²³By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.*
            1. She made a basket/put him in it and placed him in the reeds where the princess would bathe.
    3. **A Sister who watched over – spoke up:** *Exodus 2:7 Then the baby's sister asked the king's daughter, "Would you like me to go and find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"*
    4. **Pharoah's daughter who rescued/invested in Moses:**
    5. **Aaron who joined with him:** Changed his plans/Risked his life to go on this crazy mission
B. The point: We owe other people in life
    1. Without others – there would be no us: Witness/follow up/prayer/encouragement/preach-teach/rebuke/instruct
        a. Do you live <u>conscious</u> of those you owe your life to?

III. THE RECORD
A. The story of Moses shows the record of other people's investment – those he owes
    1. God had it recorded – b/c <u>God</u> says this is important!
        a. <u>Moses</u> was the one who wrote it down
    2. That is what God wants us all to do: *Record those who we owe*
        a. Record it in our hearts – rehearse it with our mouths
            1. Pray and thank God 2. Tell other people about who invested in you 3. Tell the people we owe that we're grateful
B. This is protective: This protects us from the assaults of hell
    1. Moses on the mountain: When Aaron & Hur lifted up Moses hands – they won the victory
        a. **Exodus 17:12–13** *¹²When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.*
            1. Good thing they stayed connected to Moses! Instead of going off & acting independently