

## MOSES – LIFE OF DESTINY #6 “Home Leadership”

Exodus 4:24-26

Our script: Moses is called by God – then God is waiting to kill him. There were issues in his marriage/children that could derail or destroy ministry.

**Exodus 4:24-26** <sup>24</sup>And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. <sup>25</sup>Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!" <sup>26</sup>So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!"—because of the circumcision.

### I. THE TEST OF THE HOME

A. We make a mistake if we think destiny begins when God calls us: *Moses was called to lead at the burning bush*

1. Leadership begins in the home!

a. You're a husband first – before you're a Pastor b. You have a marriage first – before ministry c. Often: Father first...

2. God takes a man's responsibility in the home very seriously! *1 Tim 2 qualifications – husband! Father!*

a. **The home is the truest indication of character:** *Act nice for others – but you're the real you at home!*

b. **The home indicates you will treat/handle the flock of God:**

1. *1 Timothy 3:5 (If someone does not know how to lead the family, how can that person take care of God's church?)*

a. If selfish/insensitive/abusive at home: You will be reproduced that in the church – eventually!

c. **The home is where a spiritual dimension is imparted into all family members (good or bad)**

1. David's lust/selfishness was imparted to his children b. Rebels badmouth headship for years: Wife goes over the edge

B. The strange story: *Exodus 4:24* <sup>24</sup>On the way to Egypt, at a place where Moses and his family had stopped for the night, the LORD confronted him and was about to kill him.

1. God just called him – and now He is about to kill him?

2. You can hinder/derail or destroy destiny because of what's going on in your home

a. Moses had neglected the covenant w/God at home b. Eli was removed: Wouldn't correct his sons

3. You can have a calling/do many things right – yet your home stop your destiny in some way

a. So while pursuing destiny – don't neglect the most important things: Marriage/family

### II. AREAS OF LEADERSHIP

A. Moses neglected his responsibility in the home

1. God holds men responsible: *V24 the LORD confronted him and was about to kill him.*

a. *My wife is a witch/she's so demanding... b. Garden/Sin: Adam, where are you?*

B. Look at some of Moses' failure of leadership

1. **Moses left leadership to his wife:** *v25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet,*

a. That was his responsibility: He was happy to let her make the decisions/lead

1. *You do your wife no favors 2. You harm the kids 3. You displease God*

2. **Moses failed to bring correction:** *Story revolves around circumcision – some things need to be removed!*

a. He didn't want to – b/c it would cause his son pain; *And his wife might get upset...poor baby*

b. The uncircumcised could not have relationship with God: *Plays out in later years*

3. **Moses failed to meet the needs of his wife:**

a. He failed to instruct/explain why this was so important to God

b. They probably failed to communicate: *Regular communication – and difficult subjects!*

1. *You can't spend 24 hours a day on the things of God – and neglect your wife: She will resist!*

4. **Moses failed to value his wife:** *V24 it came to pass on the way...to Egypt*

a. I have a destiny – and you give the impression to your wife that she's not important

1. *If you listen to what she's saying when you fight – she's often giving you a message/an indicator*

a. *She needs help/she fears being left - abandoned*

b. *Ephesians 5:25* <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

1. *Include her/text her/call her/give notes/gifts – you are on my mind!*

### II. GETTING BACK ON THE ROAD

A. There is hope here: God does not demand perfection!

1. *V25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!"*

a. Not a great attitude: But it got the job done – and God accepted it!

B. The foreskin was removed and thrown away: There are things in our homes we need to get rid of!

1. It may be private/personal/intimate/embarrassing – but you must deal w/it

a. *Deal with it personally – between yourselves b. Or get help: But don't let it kill you!*

C. What is at stake when you resolve leadership in your home: *V26 So He let him go.*

1. *Go where? On to Egypt/his destiny – where people's lives were at stake 2. Other people: That's the real reason why we need to deal with*