

MOSES – LIFE OF DESTINY #7 “Ministry Partners”

Exodus 4:27-31

Our scrip: Moses is about to enter his destiny. God connects him to his brother – who become his partner in ministry. Everyone needs ministry partners.

Exodus 4:27–31 ²⁷And the Lord said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went and met him on the mountain of God, and kissed him. ²⁸So Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. ²⁹Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. ³⁰And Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken to Moses. Then he did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹So the people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

I. THE NEED FOR PARTNERS

A. Calling is personal/individual: God speaks to you personally/individually

1. But you cannot enter destiny/fulfill God’s will for your life alone! Destiny is a partnership

a. **Luke 10:1** *He appointed 70 others and sent them two by two...*

2. The greatest partner you have in your life is your wife

a. **Exodus 4:20** *Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.*

1. His wife – then the rod of authority: Authority is connected to your marriage!

b. **1 Peter 3:7** ⁷Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

B. But our text speaks of other ministry partners

1. Brothers who will help you fulfil your ministry: **v27** *And the Lord said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.”*

a. **v29** *Then Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel.*

2. We make a mistake being a loner: *I don’t need anybody – I’m pressing in to God’s will by myself!*

3. We make a mistake by viewing all other brothers as competitors: *Who’s the greatest?*

a. So we resent our brothers/fail to help/talk bad about them: *So I can go into my destiny!*

4. Moses and Aaron growing up together

a. Moses didn’t know that his brother would be his ministry partner: *Enable him to do God’s will!*

1. *Right now you are surrounded by brothers that will determine your future! You should value them!*

II. THE POWER OF PARTNERS

A. We need to see the power of having brothers as ministry partners

Proverbs 27:17 *As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. NCV people can improve each other*

1. Partners inspire each other: When you talk of the things of God – it helps inspire you to do God’s will

a. **v28** *So Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him.*

1. *As a disciple: We talked about doing God’s will – we inspired each other! 2. Supernatural: Men inspired me/I inspire others!*

2. Partners encourage each other: You will have dark days/discouraging seasons

a. You will need partners to encourage you – lift you up

1. **1 Samuel 23:16 NCV** *But Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and strengthened his faith in God.*

2. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** ⁹Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. ¹¹Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? ¹²Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

a. *I have been saved by my friends b. What if you don’t have any? You won’t make it!*

3. Partners correct each other: Aaron got off track – Moses had to rebuke him!

a. *Safety: Paul rebuked Peter – hypocrisy...Jews: That will hurt your ministry b. Not: I got your back – even if you’re wrong*

1. *Discouraging rebels/crazy ideas: Didn’t anyone care about them enough to challenge them – make them connect with Pastor?*

B. There is great blessing in partnership

1. The reward of life is relationships: *You may not always be where you are – but you can have friends forever*

a. *I have moved/changed ministries...but I still have a connection with ministry friends/partners*

2. You can share in the blessing of a brother succeeding/entering their destiny in God:

a. *In a small way – I helped them enter their destiny*

II. CHOOSING PARTNERS

A. You need to seek out ministry partners

1. This can be a deliberate choice: *I know I need partners – I will find them!*

a. *You need to choose wisely: It’s easier to be pulled down than be pulled up!*

B. You need to invest in ministry partners

1. Don’t approach people as ‘What can you do for me?’: Instead - What can I do for others?

a. *Invest time b. Invest in their ministry*

C. You need to maintain ministry partners: Everything good requires maintenance

1. *You call/text/visit – to maintain connection to your brothers*