

One Story Week 3: Moses

Big Idea: The bible has one story: God's plan of redemption and salvation through Jesus.

Intro: Cru is going through a One Story series. We will be looking at different snapshots in the story of the bible to put it together. You might not understand all aspects of the story we are looking at and that's ok. The goal is to get glimpses of God's salvation plan at work throughout scripture.

Last week we looked at the life of Abraham and the promise that God had made to him: that through him God would bless all the families on earth. That God would create his special people from Abraham's family and give them land and a nation. God is faithful: Abraham had a son, who had many more and about 400 years later his descendants (called the Israelites) had grown to over 3 million people. But God's people were in trouble. They were stuck in Egypt as slaves, unable to escape. Moses, an Israelite murderer with a background in the Egyptian royal family, had been hiding in the desert for 40 years when he met God.

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/exodus-1-18/> This video might be helpful to you as you prepare for the study. You might even want to show it to your bible study. You could stop at the 3:00 mark, that is as far as we will look at today.

Read Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-10

- **What does Moses encounter in the desert?** *A burning bush. God is speaking to him through it.*
- **How does God respond to His people's suffering? What does this show you about His character?** *He hears their cries, he remembers his promise, sees their affliction, and comes down to deliver them. He is compassionate and a rescuer.*
- **What does God promise Moses?** *I will deliver my people, I will bring them to a new and good land, I will send you to Pharaoh so you can bring my people out of Egypt.*

Read Exodus 3:11-22

- **How does Moses respond? What is he afraid of?** *He is afraid: afraid that he is not the person to rescue others, afraid of what he would say to the people of Israel, afraid of failing, of not being listened to, of being a fool.*
- **How would you have been feeling if you were Moses? What would you have been afraid of?**

- **In vs. 14-15 God could have given lots of names to describe himself. Why do you think he said "I am who I am"?** *Let your people feel the confusion of this. God exists apart from needing anything else, he is with his people. Vaughn Roberts says "It is a strange name for God to give himself. He seems to be saying no name can encapsulate His character. If we want to know who he is we must watch him act in history on behalf of his people."*
- **In vs. 16-22 How will God rescue his people? How is God the hero of the story?** *God will strike Egypt, give his people favor and then they will leave*
- **Last week we saw that God promised Abraham that He would make him a great nation and bless the world through his descendants. How is God showing Himself faithful to what He promised?** *He has made a people, he is going to rescue them and take them to their own land and country*

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- Read Titus 3:3-7. What are people saved from in these verses? How is Jesus the rescuer?
- What parallels do you see in the Exodus story and in Jesus' rescue of us? *Jesus came as the hero to rescue a people (us) who were slaves to sin. He made a way for people to be rescued from slavery and brought into a new, true life.*

Application

- What is something God is calling you to do that strikes fear into your heart?
- What fears or failures from your past make it hard for you to trust God completely?
- How do you tend to make yourself the hero of the story instead of God?
- How does it give you courage to know that God is the real hero?