

# Take Home

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## SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 2:11-25

<sup>11</sup> One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. <sup>12</sup> Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup> The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

<sup>14</sup> The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."

<sup>15</sup> When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. <sup>16</sup> Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. <sup>17</sup> Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

<sup>18</sup> When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

<sup>19</sup> They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

<sup>20</sup> "And where is he?" Reuel asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

<sup>21</sup> Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. <sup>22</sup> Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

<sup>23</sup> During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. <sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. <sup>25</sup> So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

## DISCUSSION PROMPTS FOR SMALL GROUPS, FRIEND GROUPS & HOUSEHOLDS:

1. How did God use the wilderness in Moses' life to give him rest, heal his wounds and renew his purpose?
2. How is solitude different than loneliness?
3. In what ways does spending time in silence and solitude with Jesus sound scary or unrealistic? How might those fears and insecurities be overcome?
4. In what ways do you need to be healed by Jesus? What role has fear or shame played in preventing you from experiencing Jesus' deep love for you?

5. Is it possible that Jesus has been trying to minister to you, but you've been too busy or too distracted to pay attention to Him? In what ways have you been resisting Him? What might it look like for you to open yourself up to His healing touch? What step can you take this week to open yourself up to Jesus' healing presence?
6. God often uses the wilderness to prepare us for a new calling. What might God be preparing you for?

## Sermon Notes