

Study Guide for Sept. 23rd, 2012. Rejection & Acceptance. Exodus 2:11-22.

Introduction: What helped you discover your purpose in life? When has God used rejection by some and acceptance from others to give you a realistic perspective on life?

I. Conflict and Rejection in Egypt: (Ex. 2:11-15)

- A. What happened to Moses as he grew up in Egypt? (See Acts 7:22).
- B. What does Moses observe? (Ex. 2:11) Where does his concern come from?
- C. Read vs. 12. What might Moses be thinking? Read vs. 13. Now what?
- D. How do you evaluate the response of the Hebrew? (vs. 14) (See Acts 7:23-29)
- E. What action does Moses take? (vs. 15) How is this later explained? (Heb. 11:24-27)
- F. When were you misunderstood by one you were trying to help? What did you learn?

II. Rescue & Welcome in Midian: (Ex. 2:16-20)

- A. What does Moses observe at the well? (vs. 16-17) What action does he take?
- B. Compare what happens here (vs. 16-20) with what is recorded at Gen. 29:1-14.
- C. How is Moses' action here similar to and different from what happened in Egypt?
- D. Read vs. 19. What do these statements foreshadow? How are they ironic?
- E. How do you think Moses felt when Reuel's daughters inviting him to a meal?
- F. When has some expression of hospitality proven to be a healing balm for you?

III. New Home – New Family – New Identity: (Ex. 2:21-22)

- A. Read vs. 21. What offers must have Reuel extended to Moses?
- B. What is the significance of the name that Moses gives to his son?
- C. How was God shaping Moses by these experiences? What was Moses learning?
- D. How has God used painful rejection and surprising acceptance to shape your life?
- E. Read Heb. 11:8-10. How was Moses developing this identity? How have you?