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Why didn't God let Moses go into the promise land?

I want to go into my promised land in my spirit, in my soul, and in my body, and I want you to also.

Exodus 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. Mistake #1 Moses told God he wasn't good enough!

Exodus 4:11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? Or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the LORD?

God said I am the one who made you that way! Exodus 4:12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

God said go and I will talk for you.

Exodus 4:13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. Moses said God please send someone else.

Exodus 4:14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, If God tells you to do something, He will help you do it. You can't say you aren't good enough, smart enough, pretty enough, uneducated, that you don't have the right personality, that you don't have enough time or \$, etc.

Here is another reason God got angry with Moses.

Exodus 4:14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses,

Exodus 4:24 And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him.

What? God was going to kill Moses! Why? What did he do?

Exodus 4:25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me.

Exodus 4:26 So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

So God was going to kill Moses because he was a dead beat Dad. Let's talk about this. Moses was circumcised when he was 8 days old. Then he was put in a basket and floated in the Nile. He was adopted by the princess. But he was circumcised before all that happened. Now Egyptians didn't circumcise but the Hebrews did. So Moses knew all about it. He knew he should have circumcised the child, but he was uninvolved. Moses was lazy and selfish. He was more concerned about his own life than about his family. Or uh, he thought his ministry was more important than childrearing. That child should have been circumcised while they were still in Midian. So why didn't he do the job then? I don't know. He was evasive? Moses did have a lot of excuses. This made God so angry he was going to kill him then and there. Zipporah saved his life. She called him a bloody husband. What would make him a good husband? Answer. Being a good father.

Exodus 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt:

Moses took Zipporah with him on his journey. But he had married another girl.

Numbers 12:1 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

Exodus 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. So uh, 2 wives. Ethiopian and Midian. Scripture doesn't say God was mad about that. But when Moses was irresponsible, that made God angry.

Can you imagine what Moses' childhood was like? Let's talk about emotional baggage. Moses was born into a Hebrew family, adopted by the princess. His own Mother nursed him. Then he went back to live in the palace again, so far, a lot of back and forth. Then he was educated as an Egyptian. He was taught to worship false gods. There were a lot of different gods in Egypt. One of the gods they worshiped required infant sacrifice. When the Bible talks about passing your son or daughter through the fire, this is what it is talking about.

Leviticus 18:3, 21 After the doings of the land of Egypt where in ye dwelt, shall ye not do. 21 And thou shall not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

Some of the false gods required sodomy. Now Moses was groomed to be the next Pharaoh. So not only did he witness this stuff he was probably required to participate. This child Moses was passed back and forth and then severely abused physically and mentally. And you thought your childhood was bad!

So here's the punch line! It doesn't matter about your past, if God wants to use you, emotional baggage is no excuse. And you are still not allowed to be a dead beat parent. I am sorry if you were abused. God used Moses anyway and He will use you, too. This victim mentality has to go! If you have made a mistake and stumbled in any of these ways, ask God to forgive you. He will.

Numbers 20:12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation in to the land which I have given them.

That verse says because you didn't believe God, you will not get to go into the Promised Land. That does not talk about Moses getting angry. Tradition tells us Moses didn't get to go in because he was angry.

Numbers 20:24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

They rebelled against God. Now how stupid is that? Don't rebel against God.

Deuteronomy 1:37 Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying. Thou also shalt not go in thither.

That verse said God was angry, not Moses.

Moses was supposed to lead the people into the Promised Land. He was not supposed to ask them what they wanted to do. He should not have taken that vote. He was just supposed to do with the people what God told him to do.

Deuteronomy 4:4 But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God are alive every one of you this day.

If you believe God and not the enemy, or your neighbor, or the Doctor, or the prophets of doom, etc. you will stay alive.

So let's recap. Reasons Moses didn't get to go into his promised land:

#1 He told God he wasn't good enough.

#2 He was a dead beat Dad and husband.

#3 He didn't believe God. He rebelled against God. He didn't trust God to perform the miracle. He thought he had to add to it.

Now I want to go into my promised land. There are 3 mistakes I will not make. #1 If God asks me to do something, I will believe I am good enough to do it or He wouldn't have asked me to do it. He would ask someone else in the first

place. Amen? #2 I will be a responsible parent and spouse. #3 And I will trust God to perform the necessary miracle.

But guess what? There is good news for us. Joshua 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

Be strong and courageous because God is with us, He will not fail us, or forget us. And we can go in.

And again.

Deuteronomy 4:31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God:) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

Yea! God is good!

Deuteronomy 7:13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee, he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

Deuteronomy 7:14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

Deuteronomy 7:15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil disease of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

If you want to make it in, you have to believe this stuff.

Don't be afraid of the future!

Deuteronomy 7:17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, these nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

Are you thinking China is going to take over?

Deuteronomy 7:18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; So, you know, since the story of the Exodus, Egypt has never recovered financially. Egypt used to be the most powerful country in the world. Not anymore.

Deuteronomy 7:19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out; so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

Don't be afraid of the Muslims, look what God did to Egypt. The Bible says He will do that again to anybody you are afraid of. So don't be afraid of them.

Deuteronomy 7:21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and Terrible.

When you watch national news, don't be afraid because God is on our side.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said to the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you this day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

So what do we have to do?

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, That's it. Believe God, do what He says, love Him and serve Him with everything you have. That's doable. That is 3 things. #1 Do what God says, no excuses. #2 Serve God. #3 Believe Him, trust Him.

Sounds pretty close to the other 3 things, doesn't it?

I want to go into my promised land. I won't repeat the same mistakes Moses made. I might

make some mistakes, (I'll try not to) but at least not the same ones.

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