



## Sermon Notes from 10 March

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### From High to Low (*Exodus 2:11-25*)

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Exodus 2 shows God's sovereignty and providence in preserving His chosen deliverer: Moses. **God uses the humble for His redemptive purposes.** 'Redemptive' means to be redeemed and deliver, to free people from bondage by paying a price for it. God is the ultimate redeemer who does His work through an intermediary.

3Rs based on the text:

#### 1) The Rejection (v11-15)

Being royalty, Moses was raised with educational privileges above the average Egyptian. He was well taught, skilled and a powerful man (Acts 7:22). He was also courageous and compassionate towards the Hebrews (v11). By faith, Moses identified himself as a Hebrew (Heb. 11:24-25). He chose to be mistreated alongside his people (Hebrews) than enjoy the sins of Egypt as a prince.

Acts 7:25 – Moses thought that his act of murder is the work of God in giving the Hebrews salvation. Moses was not following God's instructions. **Do not put your trust in your own strength; put your trust in God.** While Moses had the right intent of wanting to deliver his people, he was seeking to do it the wrong way – trusting in his own strengths.

Exo. 2:14 – Because of sin, Moses experienced rejection from his people. **Our experience of rejection in life can either crush us, or humble us, and God desires the latter.** Even when our good plan falls apart, God's plan never does. God is able to make use of our mistakes to deliver us. He desires not just to bring us out of Egypt, but to bring the Egypt out of us. **He is so powerful that He is**

**able to use the worst experiences of rejection in our lives to free us from our sinful pride.** Take the pain from rejection to God. Trust Him in humility!

#### 2) The Renewal (v16-22)

When we have been deeply hurt by rejection, our greatest temptation is to protect and distance ourselves from people. By faith, Moses intervened in humility (v17). **Humility allows us to risk the experience of pain in rejection again for the good of others.** Pride is self-focused while humility is self-forgetful.

Exo. 2:22 – **It is in the wilderness that God's chosen servants often find themselves renewed and humbled for greater service.** Moses's yearning was renewed by his time as a sojourner. **Only when we are out of our comfort zone, can we truly become the means of God to be a great comfort to others** (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

#### 3) The Revelation (v23-25)

The four verbs from the passage: 'God heard', 'God remembered', 'God saw' and 'God knew', describes God's personal and deep involvement with the burdens of His covenant people. Moses points to the one who can fulfil this covenant – Jesus Christ, the sacrificial, humble, God-man and ultimate redeemer (Phil. 2:6-8). He gave His life so we can have salvation in Him.

Jesus is the greater Moses. Jesus is the Messiah (Phil. 2:9-11)! Give up living for your own name. Humble yourself in reverence towards God. Trust Him! He will deliver you!