

When Failure Forces a Detour
Exodus 2:11-22 & 3:7-10

Have you ever made a mistake from which you thought you would never recover? Because our God is a God of restoration, 2nd chances, and redemption, your failures don't have to be final. The backstory of Moses and the Exodus offers proof. Raised as a prince of Egypt, one mistake interrupted his life plans but initiated a God-guided sequence of events that led to Moses' future success.

Moses spent 40 years tending his father-in-law's sheep in the Midian wilderness. Then one day on a mountain in a distant region of that wilderness, God spoke to him from a burning bush.

Moses, a dejected goatherd on the far side of a foreign wilderness due to one bad act was now being deputized by God to carry out a massive and monumentally difficult refugee extraction that would free an entire people group from the unyielding grip of the greatest superpower of that day.

Though Moses likely felt like damaged goods, God had a plan for him. After all, God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love Him. God used Moses' self-inflicted detour to set the table for his future success.

The Pharaoh with a personal vendetta against Moses had died. Moses matured, married, and had a son. The Israelites felt Pharaoh's brutality so intensely they were ready to take great risks to gain their freedom. Above all, Moses went from prideful prince to humble herdsman. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humility qualified Moses.

The story of Moses' failure, along with the interruption it caused, speaks volumes to us. God's sovereignty combined with His goodness and grace seen even more clearly in the cross of Jesus, means that even when you fail and are forced to endure seemingly detrimental detours, God will make good use of these ingredients for your good and His glory.

Let Him. Trust Him. Follow Him.