

People of Faith: Moses

Moses' Birth and Rescue

Exodus 1-2

1. Moses has been given everything in his life for a purpose

1:1-2:10

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| •Jacob's descendants | Heritage |
| •In Egypt | Place of birth |
| •Slave masters | Political situation |
| •Shiphrah and Puah | Righteous people |
| •Pharaoh's new command | Date of birth |
| •A Levite man and woman | Parents |
| •Have a boy | Gender |
| •Pharaoh's daughter | Name |
| •Hires Moses' mom | Caregiver |
| •Grew up in palace | Privileges/Education |



2. Moses tries to rescue the Hebrews.

2:11-14/Acts 7:21-29

- From the Egyptian masters: "he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed" by killing the Egyptian beating the Hebrew.
- From unfair treatment: "he supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them deliverance through him."
- The Hebrews reject his efforts



The Israelites had a Savior, and His Name was not Moses.

3. Moses runs away to Midian. 2:15-25

- Pharaoh tries to kill him.
- Meets and marries Zipporah.
- Has two sons.



Portrait of a Rescuer

A rescuer is usually a compassionate, kind person who wants to alleviate the sufferings of others.

They may have some of the following characteristics:

- Gain self-worth from being needed and making sacrifices.
- Over-focus on the problems of others, often trying to fix the problems.
- Place a great deal of value on being "good" and define themselves by what other people think of them.
- They feel insecure and doubt their ideas.
- They strive to meet others' expectations of them.
- They take too much responsibility for the feelings of others.
- They will do anything to keep the peace and avoid conflict, including taking the blame for things that are not their fault.

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Even though one may see they've been given everything in their life for a purpose and have a compassionate zeal to help others, on their own they can't save, fix, or rescue anybody.