

# Reclaiming Your Future

Exodus 2:15-22

## STEP ASIDE

There was something Midian offered that was missing in Egypt

Time to think

Moses needed to consider a lot of things

What had gone wrong?

Where had he failed?

How should he change?

Calamities have a way of bringing everything back to basics

# STEP ASIDE

A principle I have learned: *“Respond; don’t react”*

The Lord brought Moses to the well at Midian to stop, to rest, and to discover how God wanted him to respond to the regrets of the past and to be open to a new future

# LOOK AROUND

Moses realized that he had a choice to make; He could grieve over what He had lost, or he could look for what he could do next

To respond means taking time to look around and consider what you can do instead of worrying about what you cannot do

# OFFER YOUR BEST

Moving forward into the future means giving the best you have where you find yourself –

Instead of waiting for ideal circumstances

Moses used his strength to do what was right on behalf of those who were not strong enough to help themselves

# OFFER YOUR BEST

Although he had lost a lot, he still possessed the things that really mattered

Strength

Determination

Character

The willingness to make a difference

# OFFER YOUR BEST

When you encounter overwhelming obstacles, the Lord wants you to remember –

Don't let yourself be trapped by the past

Never focus on failure

Remember that God is with you where you are

Don't wait until you get to where you want to be –

Make a difference where you are

# LET GOD PUT THINGS TOGETHER

*“Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses. And she bore him a son. He called his name Gershom, for he said, ‘I have been a stranger in a foreign land.’”* Exodus 2:21-22

Moses had lost his life in Egypt, but he gained a new life in Midian

The Bible uses a special word to describe that season of his life

*“Content”*

# LET GOD PUT THINGS TOGETHER

God does not always provide what we want, but He always provides what we truly need

When Moses learned to be content with who he was,  
God began to transform him into who he was going to be

God has a plan; God always has a plan