

Mission Motivation

Finding Your Motivation

Moses: on mission from the beginning...

Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.

(Exod. 2:1-4)

- **Human discontent: the early seeds of mission motivation** – “One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.” **(Exod. 2:11-12)**

☛ **Caution: getting ahead of God with right passion but pre-mature action** – “When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.” **(Acts 7:23-25)**

- **Holy discontent: the alignment of mission motivation** – “God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and He was concerned about them.” **(Exod. 2:24-25)**
- **The burning call: the empowerment of mission motivation** – “There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush...God called to him from within the bush, ‘Moses! Moses!’ And Moses said, ‘Here I am’...’I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them...So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.’” **(Exod. 3:2, 4, 7-8a, 10)**
- **A common response: I’m not capable** – “But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’” **(Exod. 3:11)**

And God said, “I will be with you.” **(Exod. 3:12)**

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” **(Matt. 9:36-37)**

What wrecks your heart?