

**Study and Reflection #2 – Week 2  
Exodus 2:16-25**

Lessons from Midian:

“God had to teach Moses that he must not trust in his own ability but rely on God’s strategy and strength and obey His commands. God drove Moses out of Egypt to the desert of Midian where He proceeded to teach His servant these lessons. He made him “a prince” and “a judge” (v. 14) eventually.”  
–Dr. Thomas Constable.

In Egypt, Moses rescued an Israelite from an Egyptian who was beating him. In Midian, God would allow Moses to go through character training for the day that he would rescue all the Israelites from the Egyptians who were oppressing them. We get a hint of Moses’ life in Midian by the way he named his kid; Gershom, which means “a stranger there.”

“The pride and self-will by which he had offered himself in Egypt as the deliverer and judge of his oppressed brethren, had been broken down by the feeling of exile.” –Keil & Diletsch  
That breaking down had to take another 40 years (Acts 7:30). Like Moses, God wants you to become the best version of yourself, a man and woman of character! It may take time!

*How do you respond to God’s school of humility and character building? Are you generally a “know-it-all” or “know-it-not-at-all”? What lessons are you currently learning about yourself in light of a Holy God? What lessons are you not wanting to learn?*

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**Study and Reflection #3 – Week 2  
Romans 12:2**

For Moses, the lessons that he learned had to be learned in Midian, a physical separation from a world’s system that opposes and excludes God (Egypt). In order to learn these lessons, for many, it does not involve a physical separation. For example, Joseph and Daniel learned while living within their pagan contexts.

Whether it is a physical separation, a vacation, or breaking free from a routine that finds yourself in spiritual harms way, Romans 12:1-2 gives a key for how to align our will with God’s. Read it.

*What are some ways we can “no longer conform to the patterns of this world?” In other words, what are some of the harmful things/ways in which we participate that are detrimental to our spiritual walks with Jesus that need to be reconsidered? How can we proactively replace them with the good things; “being transformed by the renewing of your mind?” For example: Limit television for bible time, squeeze in a sermon on your commute to work. Commit to a small group, etc...*

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