

## My Biblical Role Model

Who was a strong leader that was chosen by God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt? Through this man's trust in God, His people would be free from Pharaoh's tyranny. Moses was a man of the Lord and is my role model. I have always admired him for his faith, bravery, and humility. The great feats that he performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, could not have been possible without a complete partnership with God.

To begin, I believe God chose Moses to take the Israelites out of Egypt because of his reliance. No matter what was thrown at him he always trusted God to take care of it. For instance, when he went to confront pharaoh. The pharaoh could have killed Moses for the things he said right then and there. Moses knew this, but he was still trusting in God and knew His hand would protect him. When he was in the wilderness and the pharaoh's army was chasing them to re-enslave them, Moses knew God would do something powerful to save His people. Then God told Moses to part the Red Sea with his staff. Those words sound absolutely baffling and crazy but Moses obeyed and did so. Then the Israelites crossed on dry land and the Egyptian army drowned in the Red Sea. God once again showed his power when the Israelites were in the wilderness. It says in Exodus 16:2-3, "And the whole

congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Moses still trusted God would provide in this difficult time, and He did, manna and quail dropped the sky every-day for them to eat. Moses makes me realize that God will always help in everything that happens that I should not fear any situation because the Lord will protect me.

The second great attribute of Moses that I want incorporate in my life is his courage. Bravery is shown when Moses was young. When he had fled from the Pharaoh, he stopped at a well where woman were getting water for their sheep. These women were then bothered by some shepherds. Moses had traveled for a long time and was exhausted. He saw women that needed help and did not think of his own tiredness, but bravely protected them. Even though there were many shepherds, he was still able to make them flee. That is not only brave, but also kind. Moses shows me not to be afraid to always help others no matter what. God also gave Moses the responsibility of leading the Israelite out of Egypt and into the Promised Land of Canaan. This job had to be scary and stressful, he was leading about two-thousand people into the

wilderness for goodness-sake. Although these human emotions were there with Moses the entire time. He knew that God knew what he was doing, and Moses toughed it through with extreme courageousness. To most people on the Earth death seems very frightening. When Moses' time came, he was ready for his soul to be taken. Moses was not scared of death, he knew that his part in Israel's legacy was fulfilled. Then Moses let God take his spirit to paradise. Moses had incredible fearlessness throughout his whole life, he continually showed his bravery through all that he went through. He shows true valor, I pray that I may have his same courageousness.

Thirdly, Moses was a humble man who would put others before himself. In fact Numbers 12:3 gives a good example of it. Miriam and Aaron were slandering him and his wife, so God gave Miriam leprosy. When Moses saw her, he was concerned. Even after she was speaking badly of him and his spouse, Moses was still worried about his sister. He knew what they had said, but Moses put his own sadness to the side for his sister's well-being. Even though God gave Moses so much power over Israel it did not get to his head. Moses could have disobeyed God and rule Israel as he pleased, but Moses let God tell him how to lead. He was submitting to his authority, and putting himself below God. He also did not feel as if he was the only one to speak with God or to prophesy. Instead Moses would rejoice when others did these

amazing works. Moses could have felt as if his power was being threatened or that he was not special. Moses had a sense of humbling himself and even though it took some time he learned. This example motivates me to put others before me, and to submit to my authorities. Lord willing, I can learn to be meek as a Moses.

All in all, Moses was a man of God. A man who had strong leadership. He was a man who trusted God whole heartedly, he was always gallant, and is the meaning of true meekness. God blessed this man with amazing traits. Moses' life motivates me to be a better person. Moses is an amazing biblical role model!

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