

Moses Is Still Learning

Scripture Reading — Exodus 5:15-6:8

God also said to Moses, "I am the Lord." — Exodus 6:2

Pharaoh became angry at God's demand to release the Israelites, and he greatly increased his oppression of Israel. That, in turn, led the Israelites to accuse Moses of adding to their problems.

Moses was now confused and wondered if God really was in charge after all. What about all the good things Moses had learned over the past eighty years about God, the world, and his place in it? Was it all a mistake?

We all have moments of doubt, don't we? The lessons we learn are challenged by events that make them seem like wispy dreams and empty promises. At such times we are tempted to think that the best way forward is to go back to our old habits of self-reliance and self-direction.

But God was teaching Moses and Israel yet another lesson, which is also a lesson for us. Behind the scenes is the God who listens, promises, rescues, and embraces. God teaches this lesson to every one of his children. And yet it is the lesson we all most quickly forget.

It's a good thing that God is a patient teacher who doesn't give up on us when we so easily forget. Instead, he continually reminds us of his faithfulness.

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for teaching us so eloquently, for reminding us so patiently, and for accepting us so repeatedly. We are slow of heart and mind. Help us to grasp the lessons you want us to learn. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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