

Moses — The Man Who Said, “Send Someone Else”

Study Companion

Exodus-Deuteronomy | People of the Bible

Use this beside your Bible. Read the passages first. Record what Moses says, what Yehovah says, and what actually happens before explaining motives or building leadership principles.

PEOPLE-STUDY METHOD

READ THE STORY → FOLLOW THE PERSON → NOTICE THE TENSION → TRACK GOD’S WORDS → COMPARE LATER SCRIPTURE → TEST OUR ASSUMPTIONS → RESPOND

1. Moses Before the Call

Read Exodus 2:1-22. List the worlds, relationships, and events that shape Moses before Midian.

What happens when Moses first intervenes in oppression?

Where is Moses when Exodus 3 begins?

2. The Burning Bush — Start With Yehovah

Read Exodus 3:1-12. What does Yehovah say He has seen, heard, known, and come to do?

What is Moses’s first objection?

What is Yehovah’s answer?

3. Track the Objections

Passage	Moses says	Yehovah answers	What is emphasized?
Ex. 3:11	Who am I?	-----	-----
Ex. 3:13	What is Your name?	-----	-----
Ex. 4:1	They will not believe me.	-----	-----
Ex. 4:10	I am heavy of mouth/tongue.	-----	-----
Ex. 4:13	Please send by another hand.	-----	-----

What changes in Yehovah’s response when Moses moves from questions to asking out of the assignment?

4. “Heavy of Mouth and Tongue”

TEXT NOTE

Exodus 4:10 describes Moses as “heavy of mouth” and “heavy of tongue.” The text does not give a modern diagnosis. Record exactly what your translation says before deciding why Moses speaks this way.

Translation 1: _____

Translation 2: _____

What does Yehovah promise regarding Moses’s mouth?

What conclusions about Moses’s speech would require inference beyond the text?

5. Obedience Gets Harder Before It Gets Easier

Read Exodus 5:1–23. What happens after Moses first confronts Pharaoh?

How do the Israelite foremen respond to Moses?

How does Moses respond to Yehovah?

6. Moses the Intercessor

Passage	Crisis	What Moses asks/argues	What this reveals
Ex. 32:7–14	Golden calf	_____	_____
Ex. 32:30–35	Sin/guilt	_____	_____
Ex. 33:12–23	Presence/glory	_____	_____
Num. 14:11–20	Rebellion	_____	_____

What does Moses appeal to when he intercedes?

7. The Burden Is Too Heavy

Read Numbers 11:10–17. Write Moses’s description of the burden in your own words.

What does Yehovah provide?

What leadership assumption does this passage challenge?

8. Humility and Authority

Read Numbers 12. What criticism is raised against Moses?

Who defends Moses?

What does Yehovah say is distinctive about speaking with Moses?

What does Moses do for Miriam?

9. Meribah — Command, Action, Verdict

Yehovah commands (Num. 20:7-8)	Moses does (20:9-11)	Yehovah's verdict (20:12)

What part of the offense is explicitly stated by Yehovah?

What proposed explanations require inference?

Read Psalm 106:32-33. What additional detail does the Psalm emphasize?

10. Finish the Assignment

Read Deuteronomy 3:23-29. What does Moses ask for? What answer does he receive?

Read Deuteronomy 31-34. List what Moses still does after knowing he will not cross the Jordan.

How does Deuteronomy 34 describe Moses?

11. Later Scripture Reads Moses

Passage	What it affirms about Moses	How Messiah is related/contrasted
Matthew 17:1-8		
Hebrews 3:1-6		
Hebrews 11:23-29		

12. TEXT / INFERENCE

TEXT	INFERENCE / QUESTION

13. Coffee Reflection

Which Moses scene most changes your definition of calling?

Where are you tempted to believe “I cannot do this” means “Yehovah cannot use me”?

Where might faithful leadership require asking for help instead of carrying everything yourself?

What does Meribah teach you about results, pressure, and representing Yehovah well?

My Conclusion

After following the whole story, I would describe Moses's faithfulness as:

The strongest evidence for that conclusion is:

One question I still have is:

Passages to Revisit

Exodus 2-4 • Exodus 5-6 • Exodus 14-15 • Exodus 32-34 • Numbers 11-12 • Numbers 20 • Deuteronomy 3:23-29 • Deuteronomy 31-34 • Psalm 106:32-33 • Matthew 17:1-8 • Hebrews 3:1-6 • Hebrews 11:23-29