**God’s Protection & Preparation of His Servant**

**(Exodus 2:1-3:11)**

**As we begin a study on the life of Moses today, we will see the hand of God at work in protecting him and preparing him. We can know that God also has his hand on us as we consider…**

 **I. God’s PROVIDENCE (2:1-10a)**

* **In His Placement (1)**

 **- God places us in a FAMILY**

 **- God places us in a time in HISTORY**

* **In His Protection (2–10a)**

 *(Acts 7:20; Hebrews 11:23; Matthew 2:13ff)*

 **II. God’s PREPARATION (2:10b-25)**

* **His Training (10b-15a)**

 *(Acts 7:22; Hebrews 11:25-27)*

* **His Testing (15b-22)**

*(Acts 7:29; 1 Timothy 3:6, 10)*

* **His Timing (23-25)**

**III. God’s PRONOUNCEMENT (3:1-11)**

* **Of His Character (1-9)**

* **Of His Commission (10-11)**

*(Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Chronicles 29:14)*

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Exodus 2:1-10 mentions Moses’ parents and God’s protection. God gave**

 **us exactly the family He wanted us to have. Share some of the positive**

 **influences of your parents and siblings on your life. Also, share an**

 **incident in which God protected you from harm.**

**2. Read and discuss Exodus 2:11-22. Moses acts hastily in slaying the**

 **Egyptian, and then he is seemingly placed “on the shelf” – not being**

 **used of God in any obvious way for 40 years in Midian. How can we**

 **know when it is “God’s time” and not just “our time” to take action for**

 **Him? How can we survive (even thrive) times when it seems we are**

 **“on the shelf” - waiting on God, not seeing much happening?**

**3. What 4 things did God do in Exodus 2:24-25? Does God do the same for**

 **us? Explain. Share a time God heard & answered your prayer.**

**4. Read and discuss Exodus 3:1-11. Moses responds to God by saying**

 **“Who am I?” How can the *“Whom am I”* attitude be both good and bad?**

 **(Consider David in 1 Chronicles 29:14) What are some situations in**

 **which we may feel inadequate, and how can we overcome this?**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. Read the New Testament commentary on the life of Moses in Acts 7:17-**

 **36 and Hebrews 11:23-29. How do these passages provide further**

 **insight and lessons for us?**

**2. Exodus 3:6 says that Moses “hid his face for he was afraid to look upon**

 **God.” Jot down what each of the following verses tell us about seeing**

 **God face to face – Exodus 33:11, 20; Deuteronomy 34:10; Judges 6:22-**

 **23; 13:21-22; Isaiah 6:5; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16; 2 Corinthians**

 **3:18.**

**3. For next week, read Exodus 3:10 to 4:17 identifying all the excuses**

 **Moses gives to God, and how God responds to each excuse. What are**

 **some excuses people tend to give for not fully serving God? How about**

 **you?**