

FAITH THAT MOVES GOD!!!

Review Week 2/ Homework Assignment

Week 3 -----MURDERS ROW

Isaiah 59:2 Sin separates us from the Lord our God. It is a horrible thing and as we spoke about last week. Jesus bore all the punishment from before time until the end of eternity on his back. We as human beings tend to classify sin. One of the worst, if not the worse, is Murder. Here in America, the death penalty is in practice applied only for **Murder**.

THE NUMBER OF EXECUTIONS SINCE 1976: **1455**.

We take Life but, God gives Life.

Today we will look at three men who were Murderers transformed into Heroes of the faith. Flawed men who loved and followed a perfect God.

I

Moses

Background on Moses birth and Childhood

Exodus 2:11-15

11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"

14 The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" **Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known."** 15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

Moses became a Murderer. He was afraid, fled, and now has a life abroad.

Exodus 3:4- 6 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”⁵ **“Do not come any closer,”** God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father,^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Let's move along to after the Exodus look at the relationship between Moses and God.

Exodus 33:12

Moses said to the Lord, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹ And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

Moses' faith went from being afraid to being bold. We can tell by the conversation there was no fear that he was God's Man. Honestly,

would you have this fugitive from justice in mind to be a Delta Group Facilitator, House Church Leader, Evangelist, Elder, or even a **Deliverer** for The Nation of the Almighty God?

Moses went From Murderer to Deliverer!!!

When we have a **FAITH THAT MOVES GOD**, we can see beyond the now and have a vision for people's lives as well as our own.

II

David

David started off great. Chosen by God's servant Samuel over all his brothers **I Samuel 16**. He Defeated Goliath and led Israel to a rout of the Philistines. He succeeded Saul as King. After having a successful run as King, David's heart turned.

Background of King David's Life to this point

2 Samuel 12:9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the **Hittite** with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

David became a **Murderer**. The Bible says he despised the word of the Lord and did Evil in his eyes.

1 Chronicles 21:9 The Lord said to Gad, David's seer, **10** "Go and tell David, 'This is what the Lord says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you.'"

11 So Gad went to David and said to him, "This is what the Lord says: 'Take your choice: **12** three years of famine, three months of being swept away[a] before your enemies, with their swords overtaking you, or three days of the sword of the Lord—days of plague in the land, with the angel of the Lord ravaging every part of Israel.' Now then, decide how I should answer the one who sent me."

13 David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let me fall into the hands of the Lord, for his mercy is very great; but do not let me fall into human hands."

14 So the Lord sent a plague on Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell dead. **15** And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But as the angel was doing so, the Lord saw it and relented concerning the disaster and said to the angel who was destroying the people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.” The angel of the Lord was then standing at the threshing floor of Araunah[b] the Jebusite.

16 David looked up and saw the angel of the Lord standing between heaven and earth, with a drawn sword in his hand extended over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell facedown.

Reading through Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, we observe the consequences of sin in King David’s life. The ups and the downs - --BUT God never removed David from being King. He never removed the Promises he made to him.

David Murderer to Life Saver!!!

David still had a **FAITH THAT MOVES GOD!**

III

Paul

We meet Saul /Paul for the first time in the New Testament Acts 7 at the stoning of Stephen, and get better understanding of him in Acts 8 and 9. Saul/Paul describes himself.

I Timothy 1:13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man,

Paul transformed from Murderer to God’s Chosen Instrument!!