

Devotional

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Chuck Todd

...even showed the guy his wallet
parts pocket to prove his point.
You would think that would be
or the pointlessness of soliciting
the "MMDA enforcer" instructed
boss and tell him to do a "SMART
091***** Corruption at the
Now the MMDA wants to imple
form of "arrest" for traffic viol
or lack of conviction to make
them stick? Do we wait and
on with their wrong driving ha
year before we let them know
say arrest them on the spot, s
them learn as soon as possible.

Round and Round the Rotunda...? Wh
In case you don't know or have not heard
Shaw Boulevard Rotunda that used to be a
mark between the old provincial capitol,
row and Barrio Kapitolyo has been snea
piece by piece in order to avoid a firesto
sible oppositionists. They did it so well
that many motorists and pedestrians a
how much longer is this hide and seek
For starters, locals and motorists
what the national or local authorities
in terms of traffic management. Will
light / intersection between Shaw Bo
Commons and Barrio Kapitolyo? O
those organic intersections maintain
organic personnel of the Pasig TPM
People are also asking about the
unfinished concrete posts at vario
the intersection. Vendors in the
for an elevated platform for pe
come they've stopped working
last three months, blocked walk
entry into the village? With pe
cats fighting for space, this "co
an "accident" waiting to happen
It would help if the people
both local and national came
exactly what they intend to d
project taking so long and w
lowed to dig, dump, and wa

Still in the area of Pasig,
Avenida to St. Paul Road,
by a number of vehicles
flow at high speed nearly
soon discovered that the
a speed hump by driv
was only on half the ro
These half-humps
ideas but in truth the
accidents. A year or
in a car accident ins
one of the residents
the half-hump ave
kids drove one sid
side over the hum
St. Paul road hal
and a risk and
road! The same
traffic areas in

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Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody; then he spent forty years on the backside of the desert realizing he was nobody; finally, he spent the last forty years of his life learning what God can do with a nobody!

Dwight L. Moody

Moses, the third most mentioned person in the Bible, is one of the most influential people in the Bible. His name is mentioned 848 times in 784 verses in the KJV.

Hebrew slave, Moses was found, and adopted, by the king's (Pharaoh's) daughter. He is used by God as a midwife to birth Israel from Egypt's womb. He then assumed the role of a nanny to help nurture Israel and bring her to maturity and then sent Israel off to her own destiny.

It is clear Moses is an example for us of what can be achieved when one is truly submitted to God. When I read about Moses, I mostly focused at what he did. I never looked at who he was. Truly there was something different about him. What was his character outside of his deeds? Who was he with whom God talked as a man talks to his friend? (Ex.33:11).

What we know about Moses:

He understood he that through adoption he was made an Egyptian prince,

He was educated in all the knowledge of the Egyptians. .

He was intolerant of injustice. He was willing to use his privilege and position to protect people from abuse.

He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

At this point, he was much like Batman, a wealthy, privileged, vigilante for justice.

The first recorded attempt of Moses defending his tyrannized people resulted with a dead Egyptian. The people he was protecting turned against him. He was alone in his cause. He ran for his life into the wilderness and then to Midian, (It is considered by many scholars to be on the Western shores of the Gulf of Aqaba).

The first third of his life over, he now enters a time of self discovery and the search for purpose. He sacrificed his position and his adopted family to stand for the oppressed, who did not receive him.

Moses was the kind of person who was "all in" no matter the consequences, reminding of David Farragut who famously said "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead". (He actually said "Damn the torpedoes, four bells" but the meaning is the same). Difference in David Farragut's case was that he had immediate positive results that earned him respect and position. The results in Moses's case were delayed by 40 years.

This part of Moses's life brings us to three conclusion.

Moses was not self-serving, nor was he desiring of fame or fortune.

He desired higher ideas of morality and justice.

A man of passion and action. Act now think later kind of guy.

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It is said, by trying to fulfil his God ordained destiny with his own collateral, Moses made a mistake. There is evidence to support this interpretation, but let us back up and consider the big picture. The results of his “mistakes” at the end of his first 40 years put him on course to meet God face to face. This type of intimacy with our Creator was not seen again until the advent of Christ.

Many, if not all, of the successful people I have known told me they found their opportunity while on a path of mistakes they had made. I think we can safely learn from Moses and many others that a mistake should not stop you from achieving great things. Don't focus on the failure. Focus on the new opportunities that will appear on the path you are on. The “disasters” in your life just may have put you on a path to greatness. Don't miss the new opportunities while in a pity party. Moses at age forty had lost everything but the clothes on his back. No family, friends, or possessions. Starting over with less than most newborn babies enter the world with. He lost everything the world gave him, save education and experience. Reminds me of a line in Rudyard Kipling's poem “if”,

“If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;”

Moses bet everything on righteousness and, in the end, won.

Moses ended his life making one of the biggest impacts on humanity in the history of the world. He is the third most mentioned name in Bible. (Jesus is number one and David number two).

Many of us find ourselves in the pit of failure. While it is not a pleasant place, it is the one where our options often become clear and focused. To see out of a pit you must *look up*. Focus on the Redeemer. Cultivate an intimate relationship with Him. Trust in Him. Most *importantly*, don't allow yourself to be defined by the *pit*. That pit may be the intersection to greatness which is defined by your impact on the lives of others.

The last verse in the famous poem “Don't Quit” by John Greenleaf Whittier: So stick to the fight when you're *hardest hit*—It's when things seem worst that you must *not* quit.

For a more appropriate song let's remember Psalm 40.

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

1 I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock
and **gave** me a firm place to stand.

3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the LORD
and put their trust in him.

4 Blessed is the one
who trusts in the LORD,

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who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.

5 Many, LORD my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

6 Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—
but my ears you have opened—
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

7 Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.

8 I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart."

9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD,
as you know.

10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.

11 Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

12 For troubles without number surround me;
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.
They are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails within me.

13 Be pleased to save me, LORD;
come *quickly*, LORD, to help me.

14 May all who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.

15 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
be appalled at their own shame.

16 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The LORD is great!"

17 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
may the Lord think of me.

You are my help and my deliverer;
you are my God, do not delay.