

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Moses

How was Moses prepared to lead the nation by the unusual circumstances of his childhood?

At the burning bush, God introduced Himself as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob and said that He had seen the misery of His people. What was this saying to Moses? (Exodus 3)

The patriarchs before Moses lived about 120 years so 80 for Moses might be more like 60 for us. How would you have reacted if God gave you a career change with major responsibility for an entire nation at age 60?

Have you ever felt unqualified for something that God seems to be leading you to do?

Was Moses wrong to ask for signs? (Exodus 4)

Is it a reasonable interpretation of the calf incident, that God threatened to destroy Israel in order to get Moses to argue for mercy? (Exodus 32)

How were the Children of Israel often behaving like children?

*Have you had experience leading people — adults or children — who act childish?
How does it feel?*

It is relatively easy to fault the Israelites for failing to trust God but how do we do the same thing?

Was it a disappointment for Moses to not enter the Land? Was there more than one reason that God did not allow that?

Do you think Moses really came to peace with that?

What are the lessons from the description of Moses in Hebrews 11:23-29

“By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.”

Faith to defy the Pharaoh’s edict.

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.”

Identified with his people by defending an Israelite from an Egyptian overseer.

“He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”

In what way is this for the sake of Christ?

“By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.”

Taking on the world’s #1 military superpower who also had occult power.

“By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.”

Passover was new – not intuitively obvious that it would work. Based on the revelation from God.

“By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.”

We know the end of the story. The people had to believe.