

# Hide and Seek

EXODUS 1:8 - 2:10  
MATTHEW 16:13-18

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Thoughts to Ponder

This sermon is based on the life of Moses; though much of it may be familiar to you, reading Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 and 3:1-6 will be helpful in grasping the context for my thoughts and their application in your life.

1. Moses was born into a family of Hebrew slaves in Egypt.
  - a. If the circumstances of your birth created hardships that shaped your early years, what were they and what lingering impact did they have?
  - b. Would you consider your childhood experiences to be typical of the day? If so, why? If not, why was your childhood atypical?
  
2. When he was approximately forty years of age, Moses had what might be termed "a mid-life crisis" that changed the projected course of his life.
  - a. If you had a similar experience, please share in as much detail as you feel comfortable.
  - b. In retrospect, please share what you now realize to be the pluses and minuses of that dramatic occurrence.

3. At various times, Moses appeared to be a Hebrew, an Egyptian and a Midianite . . . a slave, a prince and a shepherd.
  - a. Have you ever appeared to be something that you were not? If so, please explain the what and the why of your various disguises.
  - b. What prompted you to change disguises and how did people respond to the apparent change?
  
4. Many Christians are hiding their true identities so they can blend in with our increasingly pagan society.
  - a. How does that statement apply to you?
  - b. What are your primary motivations for living in hiding?
  
5. "Hide and Seek" is a child's game.
  - a. "Hide and Seek" is a game in which losing is really winning . . . what does that statement mean to you?
  - b. Are you an adult playing this child's game thinking you're winning when you're really losing? Please share your reasoning.
  - c. Jesus went about doing good; many Christians are content to just go about . . . are you one of them?

