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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Some people have great plans for themselves. They map out the way they want for their lives. They set goals. Others plan when they will marry, and how many children they'll have. And some people have grand ideas about how to make a lot of money, so they can have an easy life as they grow older. But things don't always work out in the way people hope. All sorts of things can happen, to change their lives, and put a stop to their plans.

The Bible book Proverbs, chapter 19, says this, "People may plan all kinds of things, but it is the Lord God's purpose that prevails." We see this in today's Bible story about Moses. He was a Hebrew boy born in Egypt, and the king had ordered that all male babies be killed. But his parents had not obeyed, and had placed him at the river's edge, in a watertight basket.

They trusted God to save their baby's life - somehow. Well, the king's daughter came down to the river, not long after, and discovered the baby. She could not allow such a beautiful little one to be killed. So, the princess paid the baby's mother to look after him while he was very young. She then adopted the baby as her own son, and named him Moses.

So Moses grew up in the royal palace. He received a great education there, but his earliest days had been spent in a Hebrew home. As the adopted son of the Egyptian princess, Moses could have had an easy life, with great riches, but he chose to be loyal to his own people. He was upset by the cruel way the Egyptians treated them. He seemed to be the right person, in the right place, to make life better for God's people. After all, he was a prince of Egypt; he was powerful, and he understood Egyptian ways. He also knew the history of his own people - how their forefather, Joseph, had saved the Egyptian nation in a time of great famine, hundreds of years earlier. But one day, Moses lost his temper, and killed an Egyptian who was savagely beating an Israelite. As soon as the king heard, he would have Moses put to death. So Moses had to flee far away from Egypt. His hope of saving the Israelites from the cruelty of the Egyptians, was over.

Moses had spent many years thinking about his anger, and how wrong he was in killing the Egyptian overseer. He had lost his rights as a prince in the royal court; it was then no longer possible for him to make things better for the Israelites.

Nevertheless, there was much that was good about Moses. He easily could have enjoyed living as a member of the royal family; he could have overlooked the sufferings of his fellow Israelites. But Moses did not do this. The Bible book Hebrews, chapter 11, says this, "(Moses) preferred to suffer with God's people, rather than to enjoy sin for a little while. He reckoned that to suffer scorn for the Messiah was worth far more than all the treasures of Egypt, for he kept his eyes on the future reward." Moses' impatience and foolish act were

wrong, but he meant well.

Moses spent forty years in the far country of Midian, quietly working as a shepherd. This desert life was very different from his years in the royal Egyptian court. You might think this time in Midian was a waste of Moses' life. But God was teaching Moses there; He was preparing Moses for his future leadership role.

Psalm 37, in the Bible, says this, "The Lord God guides a man in the way he should go, and protects those who please Him. If they fall, they will not stay down, because the Lord will help them up." In Egypt, Moses had seemed proud, even to his fellow Israelites. But that changed. The Bible book Numbers, chapter 12, says that later on "Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth". Moses was also learning to discipline himself and to trust God. God was working out His purposes in Moses' life.

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, the great Creator God has a purpose for your life. And He is also working out His plan for this world. The Bible book Ephesians, chapter 1, says, "This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head."

But this plan had a very high cost for our great Creator Himself. The Bible book Acts, chapter 2 explains, "in accordance with his own plan, God ... decided that Jesus would be handed over ... to let sinful men crucify him." And the book of Romans, chapter 8, says this, "God did not spare His own Son, but offered Him up for us all" God did this because His One and Only Son, Jesus, was the only perfect One. His blood, shed on the Cross was the only means to blot out our sins. Jesus came to take our punishment, so that we could be fit to be a part of God's plans.

The Bible book 2 Timothy, chapter 1 says, "God saved us and called us to be His own people, not because of what we have done, but because of His own purpose and grace". And another Bible book, Philippians, chapter 2, says, "God works in you ... in order to fulfil His good purpose".

Will you ask Jesus to be your Saviour, and to direct your life, so that you can live to please God? You cannot make yourself worthy to be in His kingdom, or to serve Him. But through the death of Jesus, you, too, can become God's child, and have a part in God's plan for this world.

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