

Outline of “The Jesus Way Through Moses’ Life”

Exodus 3:1–12/Hebrews 11:23-28

I. Introduction: Moses as a Companion on the Jesus Way

Jesus’ Way is revealed in the Old Testament through God-formed leaders.

Moses shows us the Way of **formation, encounter, obedience, and intimacy**.

- Moses’ life mirrors the Jesus Way long before Bethlehem.
- God shapes Moses slowly, deeply, and personally.
- Moses teaches us that spiritual leadership begins with spiritual formation.

Question: Where do you sense God inviting you to slow down so He can form you?

Application: Set aside 10 minutes each morning this week for silence before God—no agenda, just presence.

II. The Desert: The Way of Slow, Hidden Formation

Before Moses leads, he is hidden. Before he speaks, he listens. Before he acts, he is formed.

- Moses spends 40 years in Midian—anonymous, unseen, uncelebrated.
- God uses hidden seasons to shape humility, patience, and identity.
- The Jesus Way begins in obscurity, not visibility.

Questions: What part of your life feels like “Midian”—quiet, unnoticed, or slow?
How might God be forming you there rather than forgetting you?

Application: Identify one “hidden” area of your life (work, caregiving, waiting, healing).
Ask: “*Lord, what are You forming in me here?*”

III. The Burning Bush: The Way of Holy Encounter

God meets Moses in the ordinary—a bush, a desert, a normal day.

- God reveals Himself in unexpected, ordinary places.
- Holy ground is wherever God meets us.
- Encounter precedes calling; presence precedes purpose.

Questions: Where might God be placing a “burning bush” in your daily life?
What ordinary moment recently felt like God was trying to get your attention?

Application: Choose one daily routine (commute, dishes, walking) and treat it as “holy ground” this week—invite God to speak there.

IV. Moses’ Objections: The Way of Honest Struggle

Moses resists God’s call with fear, inadequacy, and self-doubt—and God meets each objection with His presence.

- Moses says: “Who am I?” “I can’t speak.” “They won’t listen.”
- God does not shame Moses; He reassures him: “I will be with you.”
- The Jesus Way welcomes honest struggle and transforms it through presence.

Questions: What objections do you raise when God nudges you toward something new?

How might God be responding to your fear with His presence?

Application: Write down one fear or inadequacy you feel about following God.

Pray: *“Lord, be with me in this.”*

V. The Exodus: The Way of Compassionate Liberation

Moses becomes God’s instrument of liberation because God hears the cry of the oppressed.

- God says: “I have seen... I have heard... I know their suffering.”
- Moses’ calling is rooted in God’s compassion, not Moses’ competence.
- Jesus continues this liberating work—setting captives free.

Questions: Who around you is crying out for compassion, justice, or relief?

How might God be inviting you to respond?

Application: Reach out to one person who is struggling—offer prayer, presence, or practical help.

VI. The Wilderness: The Way of Daily Dependence

After liberation comes formation. The wilderness teaches trust.

- God provides daily manna—not weekly, not monthly.
- Dependence is not weakness; it is spiritual maturity.
- Moses teaches Israel to trust God one day at a time.

Questions: Where do you feel “in the wilderness”—uncertain, stretched, or waiting?

What daily bread is God giving you right now?

Application: Practice “one-day trust”: each morning pray,

“Lord, give me what I need for today.”

VII. Face to Face: The Way of Intimacy with God

Moses speaks with God “as a friend.” Intimacy is the heart of the Jesus Way.

- Moses seeks God’s presence more than God’s power.
- He prays: “Show me Your glory.”
- Friendship with God is the ultimate goal of spiritual formation.

Questions: Do you seek God’s presence or only God’s help?

What helps you cultivate friendship with God?

Application: Spend one evening this week in quiet prayer—no requests, just being with God.

VIII. Conclusion: Walking the Jesus Way Through Moses

Moses’ life invites us into the Jesus Way—formation, encounter, obedience, compassion, dependence, intimacy.

Final Challenge: Which part of Moses’ journey is God inviting you to walk this week?

Closing Prayer:

“Lord, form us as You formed Moses. Meet us in ordinary places. Strengthen us when we feel inadequate. Teach us daily dependence. Lead us into compassion. And draw us into deep friendship with You. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”