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When God determined the time was right it was then HE sent Moses. Had Moses only waited he would have learnt how God intended to deliver his people, manifest the impotence of the Egyptian gods and make the Egyptians aware that He is the LORD, Jehovah, God most High.

Moses was not alone in being wrong in the timing:

a) Jacob did the same thing. He tried to get the blessings of his father by deceit (Gen. 27:19). He lost the fellowship of his mother, was a stranger, and the two brothers were never in full fellowship ever again. If only he had waited on God's timing. Eve was wrong in the timing (Gen. 4:1). When she got her firstborn son she thought the promise of God was fulfilled but she was wrong in making her assumption, and her son killed his brother. The first murder and murderer in the history of the world.

Failings and falls are indispensable lessons in our spiritual sojourn. Failures or acting with zeal but lack of knowledge leads us to appreciate a little more of the tender mercies of the Lord in His Shepherding care.

- a) As with Peter, God allows our sinful nature and imagined spirituality to transform us from knowing about God to knowing God and our sinful presumptuousness (Mk. 14:29).
- b) Despite this dreadful deed, He learnt that:
 - i) God in grace can take the dark failures of life to be ready for the next step in spiritual development.
 - ii) How tender Moses would be afterward to those who would act in the flesh and fall.
 - iii) How humble Moses would be in his place in the economy of God.
 - iv) He became the meekest man on the earth (Num. 12:3).

Moses Murdered The Egyptian

Major lesson here for our learning are:

- a) The danger of being like Moses and acting before God's time, authentication or way.
- b) He had to learn that all the wisdom of Egypt could never deliver God's people.
- c) He had to learn that all the security he had as a prince could not deliver God's people.
- d) Jacob acted in the wrong time, way and in the flesh and what sorrows it has caused.
- e) By acting naturally Moses fell into distrust with his fellow Israelites and the possibility of death from Pharaoh
- f) To act naturally, emotionally, with earthy reasoning brings externally, possibly years of hopelessness, depression, worthlessness having made ones self a complete failure and unspeakable regrets.

The Hebrews were not yet assured of His leadership, therefore wait until God authenticates his leadership by miracles, not Moses acting in the flesh. Many an individual has to convictions they have been gifted by God or gifted to do a particular work. However, others will need the convictions also and that does not come by natural evidences but by the working of God.

Failure is God's way of preparing us for to learn deep and significant spiritual truth: of transforming us from merely knowing about God to knowing God.

- a) God allowed his sinful nature to function unchecked so that he could learn:
 - i) The graciousness of God in using him despite the fallings
 - ii) The ability of God to turn the dark happenings of life to something useful for Him
 - 1. God overrules the evil for the fulfilment of His plan
 - 2. God brought good out of evil, and by the dark happenings forced Moses into the next level of his spiritual training.
 - (a) How tender this man would be afterward to others who fall
 - (b) How humble this man would be about his place in the economy of God
- b) Like Moses, we must learn to wait for God, doing things in God's time and God's way.

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