

#1 Discoveries in Desert Places - Life Lessons from Moses NIC Feb 10, 2019

1. My Disappointment is God's Appointment Ex 2:11-15
My frustrations are His preparations
Raised in Pharaoh's court, language, culture, people - to be a king!
Disappointed with *others*, *God* and himself
2. My Discontent may be God's Direction Ex 2:21-22
Prince in a Palace to Shepherd in a desert
Trained to be a Shepherd, not a King
3. God Shows up in desert places in His own Time Exo 3:1-2
40 years before God shows up! Abraham 75yrs Caleb 85yrs
40 years Palace - 40 years Midian - 80 down, 40 to go – the fruitful years
4. My Desert Is His Dwelling Place - God is here and holy Exo 3:3-6
Moses curiosity becomes Moses' crisis - will he try again?
5. God Uses Ordinary Vessels Exo 3:7-12
Ordinary Bush - "*The Presence of God*"
Ordinary Man - "*The servant of God*" 2 Cor 4:7 mud pots
Ordinary Stick - 4:20 "*The staff of God*"
Moses' excuses - inadequate, incompetent, insufficient
3:11-12,13-14 4:1-2,10-11,13-14
God is enough! Moses excuses were a mask for his unwillingness to obey
6. God Uses Obedient Vessels Exodus 4:18-26
Knowing truth & telling it is no substitute for obeying truth & living it
God uses *disappointed* people - will you see God & take your shoes off
God uses *ordinary* people - there are no great people,
just a Great God & ordinary people
God uses *weak* people - are you weak enough to depend on Him
God uses *obedient* people - The greatest ability is dependability