

EXODUS

INTRODUCTION

Detours occur not only on the highways, but also sometimes in our lives. Sometimes we are planning on heading in one direction in life, then circumstances change drastically, sending us in a totally unexpected direction.

Sometimes detours come as a result of circumstances beyond your control. Detours are sometimes the result of unforeseen events related to our health, employment, or family situation. At other times, however, we cause our detours through our own deliberate actions and decisions.

When Moses was around forty years old, he too experienced one of life's detours. The course of his life was altered by an unwise and rash decision. This detour in Moses' life was significant; it lasted forty years. My guess is that during that lengthy detour Moses must have felt like that part of his life was an incredible waste of time. But actually God used this detour to prepare Moses for his role as mediator of the old covenant.

Discussion Questions

1. This week was a focus on a detour in Moses' life that took him in a direction that he did not want to go, but ultimately made him more useful to God. Have you ever taken such a detour in your life?
2. Moses was raised as a boy of privilege in the house of Pharaoh. Can you name some of these privileges? What impact did these have on Moses' character?
3. Discuss how Moses' prideful attitude manifested itself in his slaying of the Egyptian.
4. What were two big lessons that Moses learned while in exile in Midian? How did these two lessons prepare Moses for leadership? Do you think these lessons are still relevant for believers and church leaders today? If so, why are they important?
5. How does Moses' detour help us to see the greater glory of Jesus?