



POETS PROPHETS AND KINGS

Small Group Questions

Part 2: A Terrible Mistake

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Read

Exodus 2:11–15 and 3:9–11; 2 Corinthians 12:7–10; and Romans 8:28

Reflect

Moses was raised in Pharaoh's house and adopted as a son. He had education, wealth and prestige. But when his anger at the mistreatment of a Jewish slave leads him to murder an Egyptian, everything changes. He runs and hides and ends up a shepherd in the desert for many years. It seems he blew it—there is no coming back from such a mistake. But God doesn't give up on Moses. He still has big plans to use him to rescue his people from slavery.

Our guest pastor, Geoff Surratt gives us several truths to remember about being used by God:

1. God has a plan.
 - a. Do you have a hard time believing God has a plan for your life? Explain.
2. God's plan is seldom easy or comfortable.
 - a. When life gets tough, which of the following do you tend to feel the most?
 - i. God is absent.
 - ii. God is angry.
 - iii. God is unfair.
 - b. Are you going through something that's not easy or comfortable, but you know is right?
 - c. How do you combat those feelings and doubts?
 - d. Which of the following is hardest for you to really know and own deep down? Why is that?
 - i. God is with me.
 - ii. God loves me.
 - iii. God will take care of me.
3. God's plan is always bigger than you.
 - a. Have you ever looked back and suddenly been able to see what God has been up to?
 - i. How has it impacted your faith?
 - ii. What would you do in your current situation if you were absolutely confident that God was with you—that he was going to act?
 1. What would you do differently?
4. Your mistakes don't invalidate God's plan.
 - a. What mistake are you letting keep you from actively following God's plan for you?
 - i. When you get down on yourself, do you see that you may be preventing God from using you to help someone else in great need?
 - ii. Who needs your help right now?
5. God has not forgotten his plan.
 - a. Think of some examples in your life and in the lives of people you know, and in the Bible that show God doesn't forget his purpose and plan no matter how much we mess up.
 - b. What can you learn from these examples, both good and bad?
 - c. Do you find it strengthening or disheartening how long-term God's plans can be?

Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?