

THE PROMISE OF THE SECOND WIND

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A. The Five Phases of Moses' Life

1. Phase #1: A GOOD START

Acts 7: 20-22

And Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds. Acts 7: 22

2. Phase #2: SIN, MISUNDERSTANDING, GUILT, FEAR

Acts 7: 23-29

And he supposed his brethren understood. . .but they did not understand. Moses fled, and became an alien in the land of Midian where he became the father of two sons. Acts 7: 25, 29

3. Phase #3: ON THE SHELF

Acts 7: 29-30

And after forty years had passed. . . Acts 7: 30

4. Phase #4: THE SECOND WIND

Acts 7: 30-35

An angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai in the flame of a burning thorn bush. Acts 7: 30

5. Phase #5: SERVICE TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Acts 7: 36-37

This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness forty years. Acts 7:36

B. The Second Wind in Your Life

1. The Second Wind can occur in the midst of ORDINARY, DAY TO DAY LIVING.

2. The Second Wind can occur when we make ourselves AVAILABLE.

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NEXT STEPS

- I am committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I am re-committing to follow Jesus today.
- Divide your life story into chapters and write down a lesson you've learned from each chapter.



Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet during a portion of the break.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your time together.

1. **Read Acts 7:20-37.** What does Stephen's storytelling (in effect a history lesson) reveal about his respect for the Mosaic Law?
2. Why does Stephen spend the bulk of his history lesson on Moses? What parallels does he draw between Moses and Jesus?
3. Look over your notes from Bill Butterworth's message this weekend. Share about a time in your past when you went through one of these "five phases".

4. Which of these "five phases" does it seem like you're in now?

5. What is God calling you to do in the midst of this phase?

Close in prayer as God leads you.

Memorizing Scripture is a key tool to resist temptation, make wise decisions, strengthen us under stress, comfort us when we're sad and to witness to those who don't know Christ.

Memory Verse(s) of the Week: Acts 7:32