

History Reveals

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God shows us the failures of spiritual giants to teach us that in spite of our mistakes, He can still make something glorious out of our lives.

Scripture: Exodus 4:10

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Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes that the Bible presents the unvarnished stories of spiritual giants like Moses, Elijah, and David, showcasing their flaws and failures without any cover-up. He highlights Moses' journey from a life of privilege to a period of despair after committing murder, and how he initially doubted God's calling. Yohannan also reflects on Elijah's deep discouragement and David's grave sins, illustrating that these leaders were real people with real struggles. The sermon conveys that God reveals these failures to remind us that He can still create something beautiful from our brokenness and mistakes.

Transcript

In the Bible, God left us the complete stories of spiritual giants through whom He worked--Moses, Elijah, David and many more--just as they were, flaws and all. He did not touch up the negatives or use Photoshop to present them in a better light. There was no cover-up.

Look at Moses. What an incredible life story is his--forsaken at birth and then rescued by Pharaoh's daughter. He was raised in a powerful family of influence. As an adult, Moses' heart was burdened for his people, and he spoke out against the cruel slavery inflicted upon the children of Israel. Unfortunately, he "ruined" what he felt God had called him to do by killing a man and subsequently spent 40 years hiding in the desert.

Remember that Moses was a real human being with the same feelings as you and I. Forty years is a long time to contemplate failure. When the Lord eventually came to offer him hope and unfold His rescue plan, Moses responded that God was making a mistake and that He should look for someone else (see Exodus 4:10, 13).

Elijah--the great prophet of God--was one who, in a time of terrible discouragement, simply said, "I want to die" (see 1 Kings 19:4). Talk about singing the blues!

David is another classic example. This shepherd boy turned king seemed to take the worst fall of them all. This national hero who began so well, anointed by God and considered a man after His own heart, fell into adultery and then murdered the woman's husband to cover it up (see 2 Samuel 11). Does it get much worse than that?

Why does God show us the failures of these great leaders? Could it be He wants us to know that in spite of our fiascoes, He can still make something glorious out of our lives?

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