

# GOD'S WAY WITH



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# HIS SERVANTS

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Session 3 - How God Shapes Your Heart

# Six Areas of Heart-Shaping

## 1) Culture: Meeting The World

- a) Knowing where you came from      b) Knowing where you stand      c) Knowing where you want to go

These include shaping by your family and early life; your current position in life and its surrounding circumstances; and a strong sense of mission. Your historical, social, and environmental influences help determine your leadership development.

## 2) Call: Figuring Out Why We Are Here

God calls leaders. God calls each of us. This call is a “divinely orchestrated setting apart of the leader for some special task. God’s part of the call dynamic is to initiate, guide, position, and intervene. Your part in the call drama is to hear, respond, search and order or reorder life.” This aspect of “heart shaping” helps you understand why you are on this planet.

## 3) Community: Connecting With Others’ Hearts

We are not shaped in isolation, but are shaped in and by community. Your heart is developed by involvement with other lives. This can take shape in many different venues within your life: past family, current family, church family, friends, and much more.

## 4) Communion: Rehearsing For Eternity

Spiritual leadership depends on a solid relationship with God. However, this area is the most often neglected area of our lives. Sometimes, we take spiritual development for granted, but this area is crucial! As we walk with God, we learn the lessons of God’s activity in the other areas of heart-shaping. When we consistently practice communion with God, a solid sense of purpose is developed. Developing a consistent and intimate relationship with God helps your heart beat as one with God’s heart.

## 5) Conflict: Learning To Die So We Can Live

Conflict is a difficult, and yet very necessary part of the heart-shaping process. Through conflict, we grow and we learn to trust in God, and to trust in other people.

## 6) Commonplace: Discovering That The Ordinary Is Extra-Ordinary

This is, perhaps, the most surprising arena in which God does his heart-shaping. God uses the common, everyday pieces of life to shape the leader. When God is honored in the small decisions that the leader is faced with daily, the heart is shaped so that the leader is ready for the bigger issues when they appear. “The routine circumstances and the ordinary stuff of life provide a constantly active arena for God’s intervention in the life of the leader. The effective and growing spiritual leader has learned to see God’s heart-shaping activity in what deceptively appears as a minor subplot but really turns out to be a major theme in the leader’s development.” God shapes the leader’s heart to be one of integrity in all things, big or small.

Again, we are talking about \_\_\_\_\_ development!

Obedient action ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) actually \_\_\_\_\_ our faith!

Hebrews 11:23-29

## Moses Fast Facts:

- Moses was born during Israel's captivity in Egypt.
- He was supernaturally saved from Pharaoh's death order for Hebrew males.
- He was raised in the house of Pharaoh by the daughter of Pharaoh, but cared for by his mother, Jochebed
- Moses was the man chosen to bring redemption to His people. God specifically chose Moses to lead the Israelites from captivity in Egypt to salvation in the Promised Land.
- Moses is also recognized as the mediator of the Old Covenant and is commonly referred to as the giver of the Law.
- Moses is the principal author of the Pentateuch, the foundational books of the entire Bible.
- Moses' role in the Old Testament is a type and shadow of the role Jesus plays in the New Testament.

### Season ONE - Exodus 2:10-11

He spent 40 years in Egypt thinking he was a \_\_\_\_\_.

He learned the \_\_\_\_\_ of diplomacy.

He learned insights into secular \_\_\_\_\_.

He learned \_\_\_\_\_ that would guide the rest of His life.

### Season TWO - Exodus 2:14

He spent 40 years in the desert finding out he was a \_\_\_\_\_ while becoming God's \_\_\_\_\_!

He learned that the privileges and pleasures are fleeting and can disappear in a moment!

He learned lessons about commitment and contentment.

He learned insights into \_\_\_\_\_ leadership!

He learned that nothing is impossible with God!

He spent 40 years in the desert finding out he was a \_\_\_\_\_ while becoming God's \_\_\_\_\_!

### Season THREE

He spent 40 years finding out what God can do with a somebody who knows he is a \_\_\_\_\_ without God!

The life of Moses reminds us that:

- 1) You're never too old to serve God.
- 2) God uses every part of your life as preparation for service and obedience... He never wastes your experiences. He develops us in "seasons" of life that lead toward the seasons to follow!
- 3) God uses the common, everyday pieces of life to shape the hearts of those He uses.