

- **Bullies have always existed. This isn't new.** When I was a kid there were bullies. And we didn't go to counseling or sue for emotional distress
- **What's a bully?** Bullies oppress & take advantage of someone weaker than them. **The Israelites were bullied by the Egyptians** and **last week Moses tried to stop a bully Egyptian supervisor** and ended up killing him.
- Moses is **on the Lamb because of how he confronted an oppressive bully.**
- **He didn't handle it right?** He killed him. You can't go around killing people.
- Today Moses goes toe to toe with some bullies again. So, let's pray and then we can get into it!
- **Last week we finished with verse 15:** ***¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.***
- **I don't know if you've noticed this but a lot of important meetings in the Bible happen at a well.** Jacob first saw Rachel at a well. Abraham and Isaac both dug wells. Jesus met a Samaritan woman at the well.
- **Moses is on the run from Egypt and stops and sits down at a well in Midian.** Why? Well Captain Obvious, Probably, because he's thirsty.
¹⁶ Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷ Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.
- **We are introduced to a priest and he has seven daughters.** Imagine raising seven daughters. But these aren't dainty girls with newly painted fingernails sipping tea. These girls are out watering their dad's sheep.
- **That's hard work.** Get the sheep to the well. Draw water from the well with a bucket and pour that water into a trough. Then let the sheep drink. Then bring the sheep back home. Outdoors. In the heat.
- **That's what they are doing.** So, they go to all the work of getting the sheep to the well and drawing water and a group of redneck, jack wagon, bad-mannered shepherds drive the gals and the sheep off and water their own sheep with water they didn't draw. They're bullies.
 - **Like Egyptians oppressing and taking advantage of the weaker Israelites, these shepherds are oppressing and taking advantage of women who are weaker than they are and can't defend themselves.**
- **So, Moses steps in to stop the injustice and to deliver the oppressed again, but this time he doesn't kill them.** Moses was outnumbered. He was dressed as an Egyptian. Might have had military rank on his clothes. But bullies were really cowards when facing a real man.

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- Not only does he rescue them, but since these redneck jack wagons stole their water from the trough, he waters their flock for them. **What a gentleman!** He must have learned good manners in Egypt.
- **Moses is making progress.** He delivers these women & doesn't kill anybody in the process. PROGRESS He's learning to be a righteous deliverer.
- **If you've ever watched a Hallmark movie,** (if you've seen one you've seen them all) **these girls are supposed to say, "You're our hero" and immediately take him back to their father where he plans a wedding and they live happily ever after.** But no. Not these girls. They just leave him there.

¹⁸ When the girls returned to Reuel their father - Ok, stop for a second.

"Reuel means "Friend of God". He's a priest and with that name I assume He's a believer in the one true God. Not "Friend of Gods"

- In Chapter 18 this same guy is named "Jethro". That name sound familiar?
- Beverly Hillbillies. Bible Study by Stephen Skelton. The show was loosely based on the Exodus. The son is Jethro. Granny's name in the show is "Daisy Moses". They leave the backwoods for the promised land of Hollywood.

¹⁸ When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, "Why have you returned so early today?"

¹⁹ They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. See how they said that? This abuse from the shepherds seems to have been a regular occurrence. He even drew water for us and watered the flock."

²⁰ "And where is he?" Reuel asked his daughters. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat."

- **Girls? What is wrong with you?** You don't let a good man like that get away. **You real him in!** We live in Midian for cryin' out loud. How many good guys wander through this place? Go get him!
- **Dads of daughters. This is a great example. Be watching the men that come into your daughter's life. Identify the good ones.**

²¹ Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage.

- When Moses saved an Israelite, they weren't grateful. This time Moses saves the women and is rewarded with gratitude and a wife.

²² Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, "I have become a foreigner in a foreign land."

- **Name Moses gives his son indicates how he feels.** Foreigner. Banished. Time heals- 2nd Child named, "Eliezer and means "My God Helps."
- **LIKE LAST WEEK, I WANT YOU TO SEE THAT MOSES IS A TYPE OF CHRIST.** Not perfect type. I mean, Jesus never murdered anybody.
- **But this encounter has many similarities to Jesus's encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4.**

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. (1) Jesus flees the Pharisees and arrives at a well, Moses flees Pharaoh and arrives at a well.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. (2) Jesus sat down at the well in Sychar. Moses sat down at the well in Midian. (3) The woman at the well is bullied by other women (comes at noon. Probably bullied because of her lifestyle) The Daughters of Reuel are bullied by the shepherds.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

(4) Jesus encounters a foreign women (Samaritan) at the well. Moses encounters seven foreign women (Midianites) at the well.⁹ *The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)* (5) The Samaritan women emphasize differences by calling Jesus a Jew. The daughters emphasize differences by calling Moses an Egyptian.

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³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." (6) The Samaritan woman goes home and tells of her encounter with Jesus. The daughters of Reuel go home and tell of their encounter with Moses. ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. (7) Those the Samaritan women shared with urged Jesus to stay. The father the daughters shared with asked Moses to stay.

- Moses has a heart for the oppressed and can't help himself but to intervene.
1. the Egyptian, then the 2 Israelites & here with the Daughters of Reuel.
- Look past Moses with me to the One Moses points to. Look at Jesus. Jesus loves the oppressed and hurting and can't help Himself but to intervene. To save you from the slavery and oppression of sin, He went to the cross.
- Like the women at the well have you received what He offers? Salvation.
- The result is a change in your heart too. Do you care about seek to save the oppressed?