

**Genesis 16:11–12 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> And the angel also said, “You are now pregnant and will give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael (which means ‘God hears’), for the Lord has heard your cry of distress. <sup>12</sup> This son of yours will be a wild man, as untamed as a wild donkey! He will raise his fist against everyone, and everyone will be against him. Yes, he will live in open hostility against all his relatives.”

**Genesis 3:15 (NLT)** And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

**Genesis 37:3 (NKJV)** Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he *was* the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of *many* colors.

**Genesis 45:4–5 (NLT)** <sup>4</sup> “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. <sup>5</sup> But don’t be upset, and **don’t be angry with yourselves** for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.

**Genesis 50:20 (NKJV)** But as for you, **you meant evil against me**; *but* God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

**Exodus 1:5–8 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> In all, Jacob had seventy descendants in Egypt, including Joseph, who was already there. <sup>6</sup> In time, Joseph and all of his brothers died, ending that entire generation. <sup>7</sup> But their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and grandchildren. In fact, they multiplied so greatly that they became extremely powerful and filled the land. <sup>8</sup> Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done.

**Genesis 15:13–15 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup> Then the Lord said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. <sup>14</sup> But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. <sup>15</sup> (As for you, you will die in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.)

**Exodus 2:12 (NLT)** After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand.

**Exodus 2:14 (NLT)** The man replied, "Who appointed you to be our prince and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?" Then Moses was afraid, thinking, "Everyone knows what I did."

**Numbers 12:3 (NKJV)** <sup>3</sup> (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

**Exodus 3:11 (NKJV)** But Moses said to God, "Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

**Exodus 4:10–14 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and slow of tongue." <sup>11</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the Lord? <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." <sup>13</sup> But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send." <sup>14</sup> **So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses**, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

How often have you let your past failures drive your current choices?

How often have you let your past failures define your future?