

Passage Outline:

Vs. 11-15a

One day ...

- Moses saw *his* people
 - Forced labor
 - Saw a Hebrew being beaten
 - Moses kills the Egyptian
- Next day: Moses seeks to adjudicate
 - Will you kill again?
 - Moses feared Pharaoh—and rightly

Vs. 15b-22

Moses settles among Midianites

- Reuel's (priest) seven daughters come to well
 - Shepherds sought to drive daughters away
 - Moses defended them and watered flocks
 - Reuel invited Moses to break bread
 - Moses married Zipporah
 - She bears Gershom

Vs. 23-25

The king of Egypt died

- The Israelites groaned
 - God heard their cry and remembered His covenant

Key words and Thoughts: strike (נָכָה); sand (חול); kill (הָרַג); fear (יָרָא); well (בְּאֵר); save (יָשַׁע); save/strip (נָצַל); Reuel (רְעוּאֵל/ friend of God); to draw (שָׁאַב); Gershom (גֶּרְשֹׁם); groan (אָנַח); groaning (נִאָּקָה)

Questions:

1. Have you ever tried to break up a fight? Perhaps among siblings or good friends? What happened?
2. If you were adopted by like Moses how would feel about exploring your roots? Ephesians said we are God's children and the New Testament says that we are adopted into God's family. How do you feel about being adopted by God?
3. Moses identified with his people – the Hebrews. But the Hebrews arguing the next day don't yet identify with him. Who are your people you identify with and would be willing to fight for?