

MOSES PART X
“HOW DO ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD?”
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INTRODUCTION

- We have all faced failure.
- But failure isn't final.
- Moses made a fatal mistake that cost him the finish line when he had been faithful for nearly 40 years.
- He had for 38 long years believed he would live to see the “Promised Land.”
- Numbers 20:6-12, “...the Lord spoke to Moses...“Take the rod...assemble the congregation and speak to the Rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water...” So Moses took the rod from before the Lord...And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, “Listen now, you rebels...” Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly...But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you have not believed me, to treat me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”

I. WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

- Jesus said in John 14:23, “If you love me you will keep my commandments.”
- Not obeying, for Moses who was leading three million people for God, is a big deal.
- Vs. 10 - You can see a change inside Moses.
- Romans 3:23 says, “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”...including Moses.

- Moses wasn't aware of his own shortcomings.
- Vs. 12 - Moses lost faith and he failed.
- When I don't have faith I don't obey, when I have faith I do...same as you.

II. A BROKEN HEART

- Moses like David was a lover of God.
- No one knew God better.
- Deuteronomy 3:25-26 - Moses pleaded with God to allow him to go in. Only the answer for Moses was no.
- Moses reaped what he had sown.
- Deuteronomy 31:2 - Moses knew his fate and he walked in the word the Lord spoke to him.
- He knew that knowing God was far more important than reaching his goal.

III. MOSES' DEATH

- Deuteronomy 34:1-8
- The long walk up the mountain, alone after shepherding these people for 40 years.
- Moses' loss was real, just as yours and mine. Sin kills and steals and destroys destiny.
- Then Moses died there – But God covered Moses in death just as He did in life.

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- God's grace - Romans 8:28, God works all things together for good. Even for Moses.
- “For Moses God's presence was the Promised Land, not dirt and trees, but the one who had held him and guided him for 80 years.”
- We each need to long to be a person who finds God's presence more important than any accomplishment on earth.