

# God Has His Hand On You!

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Purpose: to show that in the same way that God was in control of the life of Moses through the good and the bad, He is in control of our lives.

Were you ever in an “almost” accident, and you knew that you could have been seriously hurt; yet somehow you were not?

I still remember an incident when I ran headlong into a parked car at speed while playing football. The mark on my left eyebrow shows how close I came to loosing my eye, or even loosing my life. Yet when I remember back, this was just one instance among many of God’s protection and direction over my life. One thing that I now conclude from it all is that God has always had His hand on me.

Are you a child of God? If so, then God has His hand on you as well. We can see an example of this in the early life of the great man, Moses.

Moses’ life as a child: (Exodus 2:1-10)

- He was one of the Hebrew:
  - He was a Levite
  - He was born during difficult times
  - He was of humble origin – his parents were oppressed slaves
- He was a “beautiful child”
  - Hebrew “*tobe*” – good, pleasant, agreeable, fine, fair, goodly
  - Beautiful in appearance
  - Well pleasing to God (Acts 7:20)
- He had a godly mother:
  - Her name was Jochebed (“Jehovah is glory”, Exodus 6:20)
  - She hid him, not being afraid of the king’s command to kill all the males
  - She made an ark, put him in it and left him in the hands of God
- He was saved by Pharaoh’s daughter
  - She had compassion on him – because of this “godly” beauty
  - She paid his mother to nurse him!
  - She adopted him

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Moses’s early adult life: (Exodus 2:11-22)

- Acts 7:22
  - He was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians
  - He was mighty in words
  - He was mighty in deeds
- Moses kills an Egyptian
- Moses is exposed to Pharaoh
- Moses flees and ends up in Midian
- Moses lives in Midian for 40 years

- He gets married
- He had two children:
  - Gershom (stranger – “I have been a stranger in a foreign land)
  - Eliezer (God is help – “The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh” – Exodus 18:4)

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Consider this:

1. During his first 40 years Moses grew up understanding that he was special:
  - a. God did not allow him to be killed
  - b. He ended up in a privileged family
  - c. He was specially educated and favoured
  - d. His actions showed that he thought that he could do something for good
2. During his second 40 years Moses ended up thinking that he was nothing special
  - a. God did not allow him to be killed
  - b. He ended up in an obscure family in the wilderness
  - c. He was educated as a shepherd
  - d. His actions showed that he thought that he would be a shepherd for the rest of his life

We know that Moses eventually became one of the greatest men that ever lived. Yet how?

Conclusion

- God was in control of the life of Moses
  - Everything that happened to Moses had purpose
  - God’s hand was upon him through the good and the bad
- God is in control of your life!
  - Everything that has happened to you has a purpose
  - God’s hand is upon you through the good and the bad

**Rom 8:28** - *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*