

Recap of 5/26/19 (Nehemiah 9:9-31):

1. Lessons from the life of Moses:

-We must not run ahead of God, but seek His timing (Acts 7:23-29).

-We must choose eternal truths and eternal values over temporal truths and temporal values. We must not be “eternity amnesiacs.” (Hebrews 11:24-26)

-We must focus, not on our weaknesses, but on God’s strength (Exodus 4:10-13)

“The more Moses listened to the voice emanating from the burning bush, the more fearful he became. God was in the bush, telling Moses he had been selected to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. There must be some mistake Moses thought. He had a long list of excuses for why he couldn’t be God’s man. He was eighty years old, having spent the previous forty years tending sheep in the desert. To top things off, Moses was not an eloquent speaker. One by one, God shot those excuses down. God says essentially the same thing to us. He has an exciting purpose for your life. He has amazing plans He wants you to accomplish. But if you focus on your weaknesses and cling to your doubt, you’ll never know anything beyond mediocrity. Let Him work in you and through you, and the world will marvel at the results. If God has selected you for a task, not excuse will suffice. (365 Life Lessons from Bible People).

-We must not let anger cause us to disobey God. (Numbers 20:1-12)

“We can hardly blame Moses for getting fed up with this bunch of bellyachers. But he let anger and pride consume him. Instead of speaking to the rock from which God intended to provide water for His people, Moses struck it. And he whacked it not once but twice! There is no question that Moses was forgiven for his impulsive act. However, that one incident changed the course of his life. Moses found out, it is possible to do something in an instant that you will regret for the rest of your life. Though God can blot out any sin, He does not always take away its consequences.” (365 Life Lessons)