



# YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

If you haven't already, discuss your summer plans as a Life Group. Will you take a summer break? What day will be your last gathering? (There will be no Study Guides in July and August). What summer event(s) would your group like to do together to stay connected and continue to foster community? If someone hasn't shared their *Story of Faith* invite them to do that or share *Evidences of God's grace* with one another.

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## OPENING COMMENT

The far-reaching effects of sin affect each one of us. Sometimes we are the victims; sometimes we are the perpetrators. No one is immune. But, in the midst of it all, the depths of God's grace meets us, and we experience His provision, preparation & promise - just as Moses experienced as a result of an ugly situation a long time ago. His story becomes our story - the beautiful story of the depths of God's grace in the midst of the depths of our darkest sin.

What big takeaway Truth from the Word stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?

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## READ THE TEXT: Exodus 2:11-25 (NIV84)

<sup>11</sup>One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. <sup>12</sup>Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. <sup>13</sup>The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong. "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" <sup>14</sup>The man said. "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." <sup>15</sup>When Pharaoh heard this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, ... *continue reading to verse 25*



## I: THE FAR REACHING EFFECTS OF OUR SIN (vs.11-15)

1. How have you seen or experienced the far-reaching effects of sin in your life or the life of someone you know? (this type of sharing requires appropriate honesty, vulnerability and confidentiality)
2. Sin affects all of humanity: All have sinned (perpetrator) - *Romans 3:9-23*: All have been sinned against (victim). Sin crosses all racial, socio-economic, political and religious lines. All creation groans under the weight of sin - *Romans 8:18-23*. What previous attempts have you made to change or stop doing that (sin) which is currently causing you pain, damaging your relationships with God or others, and/or destroying your life?
3. Moses' life story is a crazy story; from humble beginnings, to a life of privilege, murder, a life on the run, to obedience to God's calling on his life. How might your past experiences "block" your ability to live in freedom, beyond the effects of sin? Examples from the text: Deception (v12), Blame & Accusation (v14a), Fear (v14b), Retaliation & Perpetuation (v15a), Fleeing/Hiding/ Running (v15b), Isolation & Alienation (v.15c)

## II: THE FAR REACHING DEPTHS OF GOD'S GRACE (16-25)

1. In our text how do you see God's *Provision, Preparation and Promise* in Moses' story played out?
2. Share a story of God's grace - a story of when you (or someone you know) received what they did not deserve (in a good way!) and experienced God's *Provision*.
3. How has God used what you once considered "wasted years" to *Prepare* you for something you could never imagine or dream of - something He intended for you all along? In other words, how has God "turned tragedy into Triumph" in your life?
4. Name some *Promises* of God from Scripture that you have personally experienced. How has God shown His concern & compassion to you?

## CONCLUSION

The far reaching effects of sin affect each one of us. Have you ever "taken inventory" of your life to see if there's anything standing in the way of your freedom and/or fully experiencing the grace of God? Is there something that you might need to confidentially share with one trusted person in your life this week? It is dangerous to



hide sin. Expose it and deal with it before it grows out of control. Together, if you have time or during the week, commit to reading Hebrews 3 and 12.

## **SHARE & PRAY**

- All have experienced the far reaching effects of sin and sometime we miss the far reaching depths of God's grace. God's word spoken out loud has the ability to defeat spiritual attacks upon your life. Use the following passages to pray over some of the stories/confession shared in your group Romans 7:18, Hebrews 12:1.
- Take some time to thank God for His provision, His preparation and His promises that you have experienced this past year.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, the growth in grace you want to experience, and the needs among you.

