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- An anonymous grave (Deut. 34:1-12). His greatness lives on despite the lack of knowledge concerning his burial (v.6).

Friends, how did Moses overcome? Not by superhuman powers. He was a man like us. Moses overcame, realizing that life is short, and, the wise man spends his short life serving God (Psalm 90:12; note this psalm is attributed to Moses).

Moses also overcame “by faith” (Hebrews 11:24-29). His faith cause him to ...

- Refuse (v.24).
- Choose (v.25).
- Look (v.26).
- Forsake, not fear, endure (v.27).
- Keep (v.28).
- Pass through (v.29).

In short, Moses took responsibility for his life. He took charge of his life. There will be no excuse making or “victimization” with this attitude. There will also be no excuse making or

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“victimization” on the judgment day.

So friend, the choice is yours; make excuses or overcome; be a victim or be a victor. Which will it be for you? Look at the life and example of Moses. It would be difficult to find someone more oppressed than Moses, and yet, he overcome. You can too! - *Chris Reeves*

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Moses:Victim or Victor

People today often excuse their behavior because they claim they have been “victimized” by something in the past. They say its ok for them to steal, do drugs, do poorly in school, mistreat their family, etc., because of their past pains and mistreatments. Even if something in the past did not directly affect them, they borrow it anyway and say that they are a “victim” because of it.

“Victimization” is such a common slogan today that it has become trite and worn-out. So many people today misappropriate it, that those who are truly “victimized” are often ignored. Like the little boy “who cried wolf,” we may not even pay attention to someone when they are truly “victimized”.

Some people are truly victims of evil people. Some people are victims of rape, fraud, abuse, murder, theft, etc. But many others cry “I’m a victim” when they are not. They lie about their case, intentionally deceive, and seek sympathy from others. Others intentionally overstate their case and minimize their personal responsibility in order to seek sympathy from others.

The problem with this false victimization approach to life is that it creates

a whole generation of excuse-makers. It is so prevalent, that “victim” has even become a new line of legal defense argument that once did not exist.

What the world calls “recovery”, the Bible calls personal responsibility. Moses’ life destroys the theory behind “victimization.” Moses encountered very hard times and difficult circumstances. If there was any one in the Bible who could cry “I’m a victim”, it would be Moses.

Moses was just a human being like us. He was not a superhuman with a special edge to win. Moses overcame his adversities the same way any one can overcome; by taking personal responsibility; by taking charge of one’s life. Let us examine what took Moses from the low-lands of Egypt to the lofty heights of Mt. Pisgah and how he overcame without being a “victim”.

Moses overcame ...

- An Egyptian heritage (Exodus 2). He had an Egyptian name (2:10), an Egyptian education (Ac.7:20ff), and Egyptian riches and rewards (Heb.11:24ff). Yet, he did not allow these Egyptian things to hinder him for the Lord’s service.
- A reticent (reserved) personality (Exodus 3-4). Moses claimed to have

no ability, no message, no authority, and no eloquence of speech. God, however, would not allow Moses to use these excuses to keep him from leading Israel.

- A rebellious leadership (Exodus 5-12). Pharaoh hardened his heart and Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses (2 Timothy 3:8).
- A rebellious people (Exodus 14ff; Numbers 10ff). This included Israelites and fellow-countrymen who were disobedient (Ac.7:35; Psa.106), close family members who were difficult (Exodus 32:21ff; Numbers 12:1ff; 16:1ff), and a difficult journey planned by God (Exodus 13:17-21) - a journey that involved crossing of the Red Sea, desert conditions, war, lack of food and water, etc.
- A personal failure (Numbers 20:1-13). Moses struck the rock for water instead of speaking to the rock as the Lord said. This was Moses’ “rebellion” (Numbers 20:24) and Moses was told that he could not go into Canaan because of this (Numbers 27:12-14; Deuteronomy 3:23-29).

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