

A group of people in colorful athletic gear (green, blue, pink, orange) are running on a track. The word "Faith" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below the word "Faith" is a horizontal red line, and below that is the text "ON THE RUN" in a black, distressed, stencil-like font.

Faith

ON THE RUN

**Why is this
Important?**



**Our goal for 2014 is to
"Go Deeper"**

Deeper in His Word

Deeper in Relationship with Him

**Deeper in Relationship
with each other**

Deeper Faith!



**For some of us
before we go deeper,
we going to have to
stop running**



**Our God is a God of
second, third, and even
fourth chances**

**But at some point
we have to
stop running**



Four Lives...Five Questions!

Who are they?

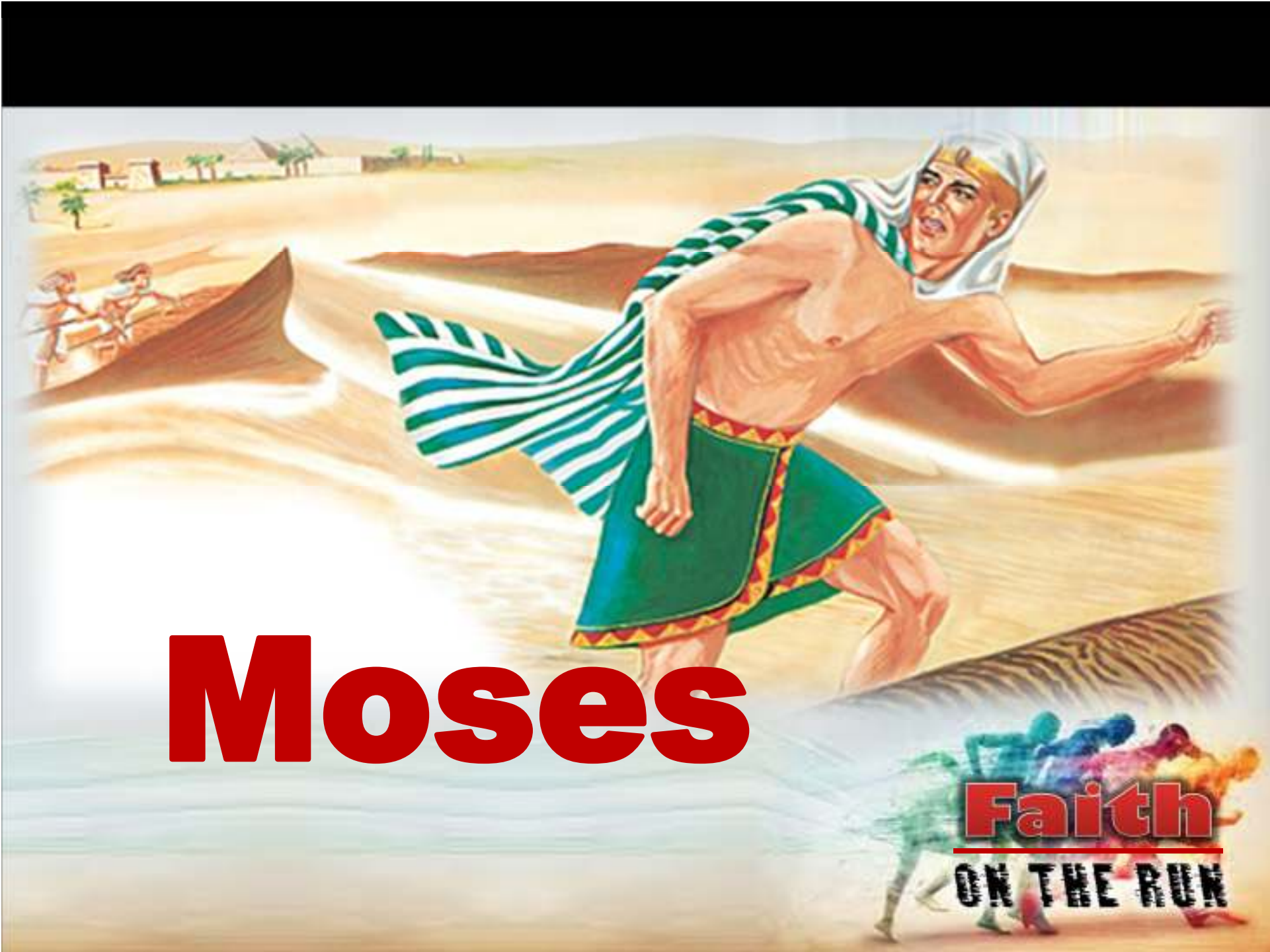
Why did they run?

How did God Pursue them?

How did He restore them?

How did God use them?





Moses

Faith

ON THE RUN

Who is He?

(Exodus 2:1-8) -- Acts 7:23-25

When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.



Who is He?

(Exodus 2:1-8) -- Acts 7:23-25

- **Born a Jew**
- **Given Up to Save his Life**
- **Raised in an Egyptian Household**
- **Before he ran he knew God was using him**



Why did he Run?

(Exodus 2:11-15) -- Acts 7:26-29

The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, 'Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?' "But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, 'Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?' When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.



Why did he Run?

(Exodus 2:1-8) -- Acts 7:23-25

- **Never Really Excepted his Egyptian Life**
- **Watched his People Suffering**
- **Took Action Killed a Man**
- **Fled to Save his Own Life**



Became a Shepherd

Exodus 3:1

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.



How did God Pursue him?

Acts 7:30-33



How did God Pursue him?

God's Concern
(Exodus 2:23-25)

God's Call
(Exodus 3:4)



Moses' Excuses

Not Good Enough (v. 3:11)

I Don't Know Enough (v. 3:13)

I'm not persuasive enough (v. 4:1)

I'm not Skilled Enough (4:10)

I'm not Willing (4:13)



How was he Restored?

(Hebrews 11:23-28)



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He was restored by following the example of his parents

He was restored by choosing the people of God over the pleasures of this world

He was restored by conquering his past

He went back to Egypt

He faced Pharaoh

He left the victor not in fear



How was he Restored?

(Hebrews 11:23-28)

**He was restored by
following God's
instructions
(Even when they made no sense)**



How did God use him?

Parted the Red Sea

He Received the Ten Commandments

**He led the people to the door of the
promise land (twice)**

He worked miracles

**Was considered the
pillar of Israel**



Stop Running...

**Moses had to make
better
Choices!**

