

Side 2

START >>> 085 ZIPPORAH

Who are you?

086 YOUNG MOSES

(taken aback)

What?

087 ZIPPORAH

Who are you?

088 YOUNG MOSES

I am Moses, shepherd of Midian.
Jethro's son. Zipporah's husband.
And Gershom's father.

BABY COOS.

089 ZIPPORAH

When I met you, here at this well,
you told me you were Nobody. A
stranger, headed nowhere.

090 YOUNG MOSES

Yes -

091 ZIPPORAH

All you would say is that you were
not an Egyptian -

092 YOUNG MOSES

I am not an Egyptian.

093 ZIPPORAH

- even though you fought with the
kopesh and dressed like an Egyptian
prince.

094 YOUNG MOSES

Zipporah -

095 ZIPPORAH

And then three days ago you named
my son "Gershom."

096 YOUNG MOSES

I -

097 ZIPPORAH

Hebrew for stranger.

098 YOUNG MOSES

Yes -

099 ZIPPORAH

If you still think you are a stranger here in Midian, who are your people, Moses?

Beat.

100 ZIPPORAH (CONT'D)

Where does our son belong?

Beat.

101 ZIPPORAH (CONT'D)

Who are our people?

Beat.

102 YOUNG MOSES

I abandoned them.

103 ZIPPORAH

Moses -

104 YOUNG MOSES

I fled Egypt and I abandoned them.

105 ZIPPORAH

What happened?

106 YOUNG MOSES

I'm wanted for murder.

107 ZIPPORAH

I don't understand -

108 YOUNG MOSES

I was born a Hebrew, but raised in an Egyptian by Pharaoh's daughter.

109 ZIPPORAH

How -

110 YOUNG MOSES

When I became a man, I discovered my true identity. I was a Hebrew. By blood, I belonged among the slaves. One day I saw an Egyptian slave driver beating a Hebrew laborer. I stepped in to defend the Hebrew. I struck the Egyptian. And he died. So I fled. Nobody, going nowhere.

111 ZIPPORAH

But you were defending that Hebrew!
If you went back to Goshen -

112 YOUNG MOSES

If I went back to Goshen, they
would be punished for me. I had to
run. I had not choice. What I told
you was true - I was Nobody.
Neither the Egyptians nor the
Hebrews would claim me. I was a man
without a people.

Beat.

113 ZIPPORAH

Do you want to go back?

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114 YOUNG MOSES

(quickly, almost harshly)
No. Never.

END.