

WEEK FOUR
Destiny Awakens

Acts 7:23-29

SERMON SUMMARY

When Moses was _____ 40 years old . . . The fullness of your time is determined by God, not by your expectation of where you should be at what point in your life. There is no formula for hastening God's timing in regard to your destiny.

. . . it _____ into his heart . . . It rose up within his heart [*anabaino*]. You don't have to rush; when the time is right, something will rise up in your heart.

And [so] the next day he _____ to two of them . . . The word here (*optanomai*) is the middle voice of the word *behold*, and it means to allow yourself to be beheld, or to present yourself to be seen. It means to appear as if on a stage as an actor that everyone expects to perform.

Who made you a _____ and a _____ over us? Moses appears on the stage ready to perform his part, and the people say, *Who does he think he is? What's he doing up there?*

Then, at this saying, Moses _____ . . . He tried it, it failed, so he ran from his destiny. One person questioned his tactics and motives, and he didn't even respond to that person; he just bounced!

Moses had passion, and he even had knowledge. But what he lacked was preparation. It was right for him to try it! God had to break him to the core so that he could use him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Now take a few moments to answer the following questions so that you can be prepared to participate in the discussion at your Community Group meeting this week.

1. Do you have a sense of what your destiny is? If so, what is it? If not, do you feel like something is wrong with you because you don't know?

2. Have you ever attempted to 'present yourself' like Moses presented himself to the two Israelites? How'd that go?

3. Have you experienced discouragement or frustration in seeking to discover or fulfill your destiny? Explain.

4. After hearing the message, did you make any decisions to work on changing anything in your life? If so, what and why?
