



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## Do You Have a Moses on Your Hands?

*“What do you know about Moses?”* the Bible class teacher asked her eager 5th graders. *“He was saved from death because his mother put him in a little boat on the river.”* *“He was found by Pharaoh’s daughter.”* *“He led the people out of bondage.”* *“He gave the Ten Commandments.”* *“He led the children of Israel in the desert.”*

We know a great deal about Moses, don’t we? Without a doubt, he is one of the greatest people in the Bible. But what do you know about his parents? Some may know their names were Amram and Jochebed. Others may know they were of the tribe at Levi. A few may know this passage of Scripture: *“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child and they were not afraid of the king’s command” (Hebrews 11:23).*

The story of Moses really begins with parents’ faith. The king of Egypt had decreed that all Hebrew male babies should be thrown into the Nile River.

However, the faith of Moses’ parents led them to reject the king’s commandment. As a result, Moses was rescued from the river by the daughter of Pharaoh and nurtured for the first few years of his life by his own mother. During those years his parents must have taught him about his heritage, the God of Israel, and the promised future. What happened then is history: Moses was brought up in the house of Pharaoh as the son at Pharaoh’s daughter; after 40 years in Egypt he refused the splendor and power of a position in Egypt and became a shepherd in the wilderness of Sinai for another 40 years; then God called and Moses answered to become Law-giver, deliverer, leader, prophet, priest, protector, and a household name to millions.

What Moses became was largely because of his parents’ faith which led them to preserve him, provide for him, and prepare him for the service of God. Now, look at your child. Here is a gift from God. You are entrusted with a treasure. What will your child become? The answer will largely be dependent upon your faith. You may have a Moses on your hands if (and that’s a big “if”) you have enough faith to fulfill your God-given responsibilities in training him in the ways of God. Bible classes will help. Regular attendance in worship will help. Christian associations will help. Do all you can to capture the Moses in your child while the opportunity is there. Think about it.

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# Home Improvement

Recently as Alice and I were traveling, we saw this bumper sticker on the back of a vehicle: *'Home Improvement Begins With the King James Bible.'* We speak of home improvement in different ways. Perhaps we are painting or remodeling our home or maybe even building a new one. There are certainly many ways in which we can change our home to make it look and perform better for us. But let's change gears and think about the improvement that needs to go on inside the people who live in that home. I don't agree totally with the bumper sticker because it said the improvement begins with the KJV. It really doesn't matter which version one uses unless the truth is misconstrued.

But back to the "*home improvement.*" The greatest home improvement that can occur within a household is to mold character, thinking and action of the members of that home to comply with what the Bible teaches. The first duty of spiritual home improvement is to "*love the Lord God with all your heart, soul and might*" (**Deut. 6:5**). Loving Him means obeying Him.

Peter said that we must "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*" (**2 Peter 3:18**). That can only be accomplished by studying, learning, and obeying. Parents must teach and guide their off-spring in the Lord's way. The Wise Man said "*Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it*" (**Prov. 22:6**). The "*way he should go*" is the Lord's way. We read in **Deut. 8:5-6**, "*As a man chastens his son, so the Lord, your God, chastens you. Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the Lord, your God, to walk in His ways and to fear him.*"

There is no other way that can fulfill the promise of eternal life and peace. Parents must love and serve the Lord and teach their off-spring to do likewise. When that is done, true home improvement is accomplished. **First Timothy 5:4** says, "*If any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show piety at home and to reward their parents for that is good and acceptable to God.*" Although this is speaking of a widow's offspring, all children should be taught to honor God and others, beginning at home. In teaching the duty of children, Paul taught "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth*" (**Eph. 6:1ff**).

True home improvement occurs when the hearts, minds and personalities of all those in the home honor God as the great Creator that He is. That home improvement comes about only by studying to know God's will, doing what He says and teaching it to all those in the home. We read a most touching story when Paul, in speaking to Timothy, spoke of "*the unfeigned faith that is in you which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice, and I am persuaded that in you also*" (**2 Tim. 1:5**). Paul was confident that young Timothy had received the home improvement that he needed from his faithful mother and grandmother. If we want our offspring to know, love and serve God, we must set the example. God bless your home improvement!

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