



## Pastor Derrick Shields “What Lies Beneath Matters” 9/19/2021

### Key Verses:

- Matthew 16:26, Exodus 2:11-15

### Key Thoughts:

- Soul — *the capacity to integrate all the parts (will, mind, body) into a single, healthy, whole life.* Matthew 16:26 is not a destination, it's a diagnosis. It's not about when we die, it's about how we are right now.
- For the remainder of this series, we're visiting certain points in the life of Moses to see what we can learn about letting the Lord to replenish our soul.
- This is a season where Joseph had brought his people out of a time of famine and they're now in Egypt. Pharaoh had decided that all newborn boys would be killed. So, Moses' mother hid him. She made a basket, placed him in the Nile River, and while Pharaoh's daughter is bathing in the river, she sees baby Moses float to her and she falls in love with him.
- In Exodus 2, Moses was 40 years old (Acts 7:22-25 – Stephen's testimony). Josephus wrote that Moses was being groomed to take over for Pharaoh one day because Pharaoh didn't have any boys. But Hebrews 11:24-26 tells us that Moses refused to be known as Pharaoh's daughter. He knew that he was truly a Hebrew.
- Moses' life was like an iceberg. Above the surface, he grew up in the palace with the most powerful people in the known world, being groomed to rule. But below the surface, he knew he wasn't Egyptian, so he was conflicted and trapped in between.
- Exodus 2 tells us that Moses looked both ways to make sure no one was looking before he attacked the Egyptian. He checked to see if he'd get caught while acting out of his iceberg. One way he failed to look was up, so he tried to justify what he did.
- Some of us have things going on deep beneath the surface and won't tell anyone because we're afraid of people really knowing. When we're uncomfortable with things going on below the surface, we develop coping mechanisms to avoid dealing with them.
- In Exodus 2:15, Moses fled to Midian and sits down by a well (this was a journey through the wilderness). The best thing we can do find is to ourselves a well. A well is a place of depth in God's presence. This reminds us of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, where in Jesus she finds living water.

### Discussion Questions:

- How do things appear on the surface? What is beneath the surface of your life?
- What methods do you use to cope with what's underneath?
- What place might be a well for you to meet God?