

## YOU ARE UNIQUE: EXODUS 2:1-10

### INTRODUCTION

Someone asks you for a picture of Scotland. Many pictures

**Little pictures - big picture**

God cares about enslavement of his people -wants to set them free

One nation. One point in history - **little picture**

God wants to set all people free - for all time - through Christ - **big picture**

Prepared the way through birth and upbringing of Moses - **little picture**

One man who changed history -all people - all time - **big picture**

### MOSES

#### PARENTS

Time in history - 1300BC slavery of Hebrews.

**Edict of pharaoh** - boys into Nile

Aim - end of Hebrews.

Boys could fight against Egyptians. Girls would marry Egyptians - assimilate

**Moses Parents** changed history - faith - obeyed Pharaoh but not as he intended - believed the Lord would look after baby.

Pharaoh evil but God used these circumstances for good - his purpose

#### PREPARATION

God wanted a deliverer. First Moses himself was delivered.

Learnt he could trust God. As Individual. As Nation.

Name Moses - son/drew out - reminder

**Hebrew** upbringing - mother paid - background, knew the Lord

**Egyptian** education - adopted son of Pharaoh - highly developed civilization

Politics, laws, government, leadership, writing

Access to Pharaoh, protocol, leadership, formulated laws, wrote Pentateuch

**Religious** leader - Jethro father-in-law Priest of Midian - related tribe

**Shepherd** - looked after sheep - patience - Israelites - desert journey

#### PERSONALITY

Compassion, Passion, Determined. Tenacious. Did not give up easily

#### POTENTIAL

Moses unique. Perfectly suited for the task the Lord had for him

He wanted to change his world for good and he believed that with God's help he could make a difference

## **WILLIAM WILBERFORCE**

**PARENTS** upper class, educated, speaking & writing

**PREPARATION** John Newton's church, committed Christian,

Contact with ex-slave. Wife who helped him.

MP, friend of Wm Pitt - prime minister.

Time - Napoleon - war - freedom

**PERSONALITY** compassion, passionate, persistent

**POTENTIAL** Wanted to change the world for good, believed that with God's help he could make a difference - end of slavery in British Empire

## **2 MEN**

**Different:** time, place, background, opportunity

**In common:** Wanted to change the world for good, believed that with God's help they could make a difference

## **CONCLUSION**

**All of us are unique.** No-one in whole of history has your combination of

**PARENTS, PREPARATION, PERSONALITY, POTENTIAL**

**Don't compare** yourself with others and put yourself down / up

**Accept yourself** - God created you - gifts, experiences, opportunities

The Lord has a special task for each of you in this generation

Something that only you can do

## **VISUAL - PICTURES OF SCOTLAND**

You may feel insignificant but you are part of the big picture

You are important to God as an individual - created lovingly - purpose

The work he has for you to do is important for his plan -

Whole world, Whole of history

Each of us is unique. Each of us has been created with a purpose.

You may never be famous. You may feel that your contribution is insignificant but you are important to God and like Moses and William Wilberforce you can change the world for good.

With God's help you can make a difference