

- Intro:
1. Coordination in sports never was one of my strengths.
  2. In part because my mind did not know the games, and then in part because my eyes and limbs had little practice.
  3. Just as Moses' hands did not start out in sync with God's heart, but rather grew more coordinated as he grew in faith, so we can learn to **coordinate our actions with god's intentions** from Exodus 2:11-25...

Prop: **You must Coordinate Your Hands with God's Heart.**

### I. By Growing Beyond A Heritage of Faith (2:11-12)

1. v.11, "Hebrew" [Ibriy] = a descendant of Eber (desc.of Israel)
2. Wrong methods do not justify noble ends.
3. Moses was raised in worldly (Egyptian) ways, but his Levite mother made him aware of his godly heritage.  
He looked different from the Egyptians; he knew his heritage and his loyalties lay with his own people.  
But, Moses had little moral foundation; his ways were worldly. In Genesis 4:15, God had made it clear that He alone held the right to avenge evil, only by His command!  
Moses did not yet know to cry out as in Psalm 94:1, "O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself."
4. Recently a young man, immature in faith, stated his lack of need for the local church, while his appearance and actions revealed just the opposite need.
5. Dear lost one, you need to receive the new birth found only in a faith in Christ to take away your sin. But, believer, you must grow beyond a simple heritage of faith in order for your daily actions to match that of God's intention for you!

### II. By Laying Reputation to Match God's Intention (2:13-14)

1. v.14, "prince" = head person  
v.14, "judge" = pronounce sentence / govern
2. Just because we mean well, does not mean we can do well.
3. Moses had a personality of Peace & Harmony:
  - o he wanted his people to be treated well (vs.11);
  - o he desired the Hebrews to be peaceful (vs.13);
  - o he didn't tolerate abuse of women (vs.17).

BUT, Moses now had a reputation of "Lording," not "helping."

4. I think of the Bible examples of God's reputation:
  - Gen 2:2 → resting (after creation)
  - Gen 2:19 → forming (creating species)
  - Gen 6:6 → grieved for man's sake (sinful day of Noah)
  - Gen 9:16 → promising (rainbow after the flood)
  - Gen 11:6 → interested in man's work (observed Babel)
  - Gen 11:7 → intervening for man's good (Babel)
  - Gen 18:17-19 → revealing himself to man (Abraham)
  - Gen 19:29 → answering prayer (Abraham & Lot)
  - Gen 22:12 → helping man's faith to grow (Abe/Isaac)
  - Gen 28:13 → keeping promises (Jacob's dream)
5. Friend, how does your reputation help you accomplish the purposes of God today? Does your reputation need some improvement?

### III. By Finding Refuge for Your Soul (2:15-20)

1. v.18, "Reuel" = also known later as Jethro, Moses' father-in-law
2. Flight in the right direction can serve for good recovery.
3. With his own people angry with him, Egypt outraged at him, he just went another direction to get his life together again.  
Jesus was no stranger to seeking a refuge for collecting his thoughts and renewing his spirit until God's timing was right for life and ministry to go forward (Matt.14:13,23).
4. Vance Havner, the great Southern Baptist Evangelist of last century keenly noted, "If we do not come apart, we will surely come apart."
5. Dear friend, when the pressures of life, personal problems, reputation and discouragement get us down, will you take some time for a refuge? —church, prayer, quiet time

### IV. By Knowing that God's Call will come in God's Time (2:21-25)

1. Moses waited, raising a family, and God was still at work!
2. Knowing God's presence and concern is as important as hearing God's call.
3. Moses' peace at this time came from the calm reassurance of family support and the daily maturing processes of life.
4. When Egypt was ready (Pharaoh had changed); When Hebrew people were ready (to follow a new leader); When Moses was ready (a matured heart)—God would act.
5. Are you preparing your heart to be moved by God's hand?