

G:love 1 The 'Principle of the Glove'

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In his book, Power Through Prayer, E.M. Bounds says that, “**Men are God’s method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.**” Undoubtedly you want to be a better man, husband, father, friend...but how? You’ve seen some improvements, experienced some change and made a few corrections along the way, but deep inside you know **so much more** transformation is needed. There is a restlessness, a yearning and churning deep down in your soul to be the man God designed you to be. Then one day you realize the rude, ruthless, real truth that the life to which Jesus has called you is not difficult, it is impossible! But, by God’s grace He begins to teach you the life ‘**principle of the glove.**’

The #1 responsibility of a glove is to **respond** to the hand’s every move, **surrender** to it’s desires and **obey** it’s commands as the hand does all the work! The glove does **NOT** to do the work. The follower of Christ is the glove and Christ is the Hand in that the Holy Spirit lives inside us! He does the labor as we respond to His love. He supplies the elbow grease as we experience His grace. He provides the power as we give Him the praise. Better men make great gloves!

Why is this principle key to those who desire to be better men? What happens when the glove tries to do the work of the hand? What does the principle of the glove do to the stress, pressure, exhaustion, discouragement, frustration, impossibilities and responsibilities we face every day? How does a man become a ‘glove’? What does the work of God’s ‘hand’ look like in your life? (Phil 1:6; 2:12-13; John 5:19-20; 30; 6:38; 8:28-29; 12:49; 15:10-13; Luke 5:16; 23:46; Mark 1:35; Eph 3:14- 21; 5:18; Acts 1:8; 4:31; 6:3-8)

This series is entitled **G:love** (glove) to remind us of God’s unconditional love as His hands guide, provide, protect, comfort and discipline us as a loving Father. We are going to look at the life of Moses to see how God carves, chisels, molds and makes him (and us) into a ‘**better man**’ through the ‘**principle of the glove.**’ We will look at highlights from Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy to watch God powerfully transform Moses over three distinct 40 year seasons of his life mirror our own.



1-40 were _____ years of _____ in Pharaoh’s court as Moses thought he was really **somebody**.

40-80 were _____ years of _____ in the desert wasteland as Moses learned that without the Lord he was **nobody**.

80-120 were _____ years of _____ in fellowship with God realizing that God as a glove God can use **anybody**!

In which of these seasons are you currently living? How so?

THEME VERSES Philippians 2:13; Exodus 14:13-16

TAG TEAMS As a TAG Team check out the following passages. Exodus 3:20; 7:4; 13:3, 9, 14, 16; 14:13-16, 21, 27; 15:6; Deuteronomy 3:24; 7:8; 8:16-20. Where do you see the principle of the glove? How does this challenge you? Encourage you? What scares you? Calms you? Why? Pray together Paul’s prayer proclaiming the principle of the glove from Ephesians 3:14-21.

ASSIGNMENT Put your glove in a place where you see it every day as a reminder of the principles we will be discovering this year. Explain the principle of the glove to one person whom you think might appreciate hearing about it. Read _____ in prep for next week.