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2:11-15 *Moses and his people.* Remarkably, given Moses' time in the royal court of Egypt, we read that he still considers himself to be an Israelite. So much is this the case that, when he sees a fellow Israelite being beaten, Moses intervenes, killing the offender. Yet, Moses' efforts at justice aren't received well, either by his own people or by pharaoh, and so he is forced to flee for his life.

2:16-22 *Moses in Midian.* While in Midian, Moses continues to defend the weak. This leads him to becoming a part of the house of Reuel, a priest of Midian. In short order, Moses marries one of Reuel's daughters and she bears him a son. Here, too, we read of Moses seeing himself as an outsider.

2:22-25 *God's big picture.* This is the first hint we get of why Moses matters for our story: the people of Israel cry out to God, and we read that God is at work – he knows exactly what is happening and is set to act.

Background: The beginning of our chapter detailed the birth of Moses. The end of the chapter starts to connect Moses with the suffering of Israel and to God's promises.

The Point: God does not forget his promises to his people.

Head: Though all seemed dark, God was at work to care for his people. Trust his plans more than your understanding!

Heart: Believe that the promises of God will hold up.

Hands: Ask the Lord to build up your faith and trust in him.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
