

<sup>18</sup>Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive.” Jethro said, “Go, and I wish you well.” <sup>19</sup>Now the Lord had said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead.” <sup>20</sup>So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt.

Exodus 4:18-26 (NIV)



And he took the staff of God in his hand. <sup>21</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go.

<sup>22</sup>Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, <sup>23</sup>and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.”’

Exodus 4:18-26 (NIV)



But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.”<sup>24</sup> At a lodging place on the way, the Lord met Moses and was about to kill him.<sup>25</sup> But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it. “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,” she said.<sup>26</sup> So the Lord let him alone. (At that time she said “bridegroom of blood,” referring to circumcision.)

Exodus 4:18-26 (NIV)



A CLEAR MISSION AND  
A CLEAN HOUSE



**Our Mission Will Never Justify  
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# Our Mission Will Never Justify An Unclean Life

The LORD said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go...At a lodging place on the way, **the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him.**

Exodus 4:21, 24 (NIV)

**Our Mission Will Never Justify**  
**An Unclean Life**

When a life is *not clean*, we are *not ready* to fulfill the mission.



**Unless The Blood is Applied, We Won't  
Move On In Our Mission**



# Unless The Blood is Applied, We Won't Move On In Our Mission

But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it.

**“Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,”** she said.

Exodus 4:25 (NIV)

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The same way Moses was a Bridegroom of blood to Zipporah, Christ is a Bridegroom of blood to us.

**Unless The Blood is Applied, We Won't**  
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In the New Testament, circumcision is identified with the cleansing work of Christ.



# Unless The Blood is Applied, We Won't Move On In Our Mission

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,<sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.<sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ...

Colossians 2:9-15 (NIV)



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<sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...

Colossians 2:9-15 (NIV)



# Unless The Blood is Applied, We Won't Move On In Our Mission

<sup>14</sup>having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:9-15 (NIV)



**Once We Come Under The Blood,  
We Can Move On**



Once We Come Under The Blood,  
We Can Move On

**So the LORD let him alone.** It was then that she said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!” because of the circumcision.

Exodus 4:26 (NIV)

Once We Come Under The Blood,  
We Can Move On

But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (ESV)