

## WHY RETIRE WHEN YOU CAN RE-TIRE?

If you were to choose a person to lead your business today, who would you choose: a 40-year-old Moses; beautiful in God's sight; raised by Pharaoh's daughter; instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and mighty in his words and deeds (Acts 7:20-22), or an 80-year-old Moses with withered skin, physically spent, and has lost his ability to speak because he has no one to talk to but sheep? Many of you would choose the 40-year-old Moses because he would be physically able. But who did God choose to lead the Israelites way back then? He chose the 80-year-old Moses. Why?

When Moses was 40 years old, he was at the peak of his strength, but when he was 80, he was at the height of his wisdom. At 40, Moses could accomplish great things because he could force things to happen, but he was also impatient, assuming, and foolish. When Moses reached the age of 80, he was able to achieve greater things by working with the people around him and maximizing the resources he had. Because the desert had humbled him, he became gentle, patient, and prudent. He was willing to listen to the Lord and allow the Lord to do things through him.

Many pitied Moses because they felt he went from glory to shame. From being a prince of Egypt he became a nobody in the desert of Midian. But this is man's perspective; God's perspective is different. In reality, God took him from glory, as a prince, to greater glory, as a shepherd, to the highest glory, as the man who single-handedly brought a nation through the wilderness and into the Promised Land.

I realized that when we allow people to retire at 60 so that they can rest and do nothing, we are throwing away valuable assets that God developed over time. These people may not be physically strong, but they can contribute significantly because of their wisdom and exceptional abilities.

I love the post of my friend Ed Patron when he said that he has no plans of fading away now that he is retired. Instead, he said he plans to re-tire and use the experience he has acquired to continue to be a blessing to his family and the people around him. That made me think. Why would a man who has gained so much wisdom, who is mature in character and has accumulated enough money, expect less of himself when he has reached the retirement age set by the law? Shouldn't he be planning to use all the assets he has acquired to do greater things for himself and the Lord?

Ed Patron has a best friend, who is also his balae, named Rico Wong. When Rico retired from San Miguel Corp, Rico was unsure of what would happen afterwards. But one thing led to another, and he is now a Senior Vice President for DMCI, where he is

using the wisdom he gained in San Miguel to bless the people in DMCI and the communities they have formed. Rico Wong is more valuable today after his retirement. I am sure his best friend, Ed Patron, will also be more valuable today than ever.