

Happy Mother's Day!
A Mother's Courageous Faith

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Exodus 2: 1-10 NKJV

And a man of the house of Levi went and took *as wife* a daughter of Levi. ²So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months. ³But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank. ⁴And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. ⁵Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶And when she opened *it*, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother. ⁹Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give *you* your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name ¹¹Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

1. Love at All Costs. (v.2)

2. Discerning When to Release. (v.3)

3. Trusting God to do What She Cannot. (vs. 6, 9-10)

Conclusion: Mothers it is a great responsibility to raise up a child to know and love God with all their heart. To do this requires fostering your own courageous and abiding faith.

Take courage because we have the greatest teacher in the Holy Spirit, the greatest model in Christ, and the greatest support in our Heavenly Father. Let us follow Jochebed's example to love, release, and trust our children to the God who loves them beyond our comprehension.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of May 14-May 20, 2023

Ice Breaker: In what ways has your mother shown courageous love?

Read Exodus 2: 1-10.

1. What did Jochebed do? (v.2)
2. What was she afraid of? Read Exodus 1: 16-17, 22.
3. What was required of her to disobey Pharaoh and hide her son?
4. How have you or how did your mother show courageous love and faith?
5. Where specifically did Jochebed place Moses? (v.3)
6. What did she know about who would be at that part of the river?
7. Who kept watch over baby Moses? (v.4) What does this show you about this mother's love for her son?
8. Who came down to the river? (v.5)
9. What would this act of releasing her baby require of this mother?
10. When and how have you had to let go of your child?
11. What enables you to release and let go? What calms your fears?
12. How do you discern when to hold on and when to let go?
13. What would have happened to Moses if his mother didn't let him go?
14. How did Jochebed act strategically to save her son? (vs. 6-8)
15. How did God reward Jochebed's courageous faith? (v.9)
16. Did she have to release her son once again? (v.10)
17. What would be required of her to let him go again?
18. Read Proverbs 22:6 How did she use the time she was given to teach her child? How would this come into play years later?
19. Read Philippians 1:6. How can this truth help us as we raise our children and let them go on their own paths?
20. How important is it to foster your own faith and relationship with the Godhead—the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?
21. How does having a deep love and trust in God help you mother with a courageous faith?
22. How can a close relationship with the Lord help you live in greater peace and joy with your children?
23. How can you give thanks to God for your mother? What did she teach you or model for you?