



## Exodus 2 – Jochebed, The Model of a Good Mother Sermon (Part 1)

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Hebrews 11:23

<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

**Background:** It wasn't a good time to deliver a child in Egypt. This Pharaoh didn't know Joseph and observes the Hebrews were increasing in number so they began to make life hard on them. The affliction didn't stop them from multiplying. Pharaoh orders that all the male children born be killed by being cast in the river.

Egypt represents the world, sin, and bondage. There is nothing new under the sun. The devil is still trying to fight against God's people by taking out the children. It is a hard time trying to raise children today because there is still a death sentence out there today.

Verse 1-2 Amram = exalted people; Jochebed = Jehovah is glory (Ex 6:20) have a child.

They see he is beautiful, they decide to protect him. Three months they hid him from what? Judgment and the world (Hebrews 11:23).

- Hid him by faith. Feared God more than enemy.
- She hid him because:
  - He was goodly – he was fair, beautiful, etc.
  - He was proper.
  - Wanted to protect his future.
  - Protect him from Pharaoh.
  - Protect him from the world.
  - Protect him from judgement.
- How was she able to pull this off?
  - Her faith allowed her to do what was difficult and unlikely.
  - Faith and fear can't exist together; her faith was greater than her fears.
  - Wasn't afraid of what the world said.
- Result of hiding him:
  - Gave him life instead of death.
  - Keep him from the world and the enemy for a while.
  - World and the enemy can't find him.
- Application...some things we need to hide our children from until it is time.
  - Some things our children just don't need to know about or be exposed to in the world.
  - Good parents protect their children from some things and dangers in the world when they are still young.

Verse 3 – She is wise and determines she can no longer hide him. At some point you can't hide them...you have to let them go. She let him go by faith!

- Hiding him too long would not be helping him. You can try to do the right thing the wrong way.
- At some point, you have to trust God to finish the job.
- She prepared him before she let him go.
  - A good mother prepares her child before she releases them into the world.
- We would be wise to prepare our children before we release them into the world.
  - Let my kids experience a checking account, etc., to prepare them.
- Made an ark....same term as Noah. Pitched or sealed it before she placed him in it.
  - Facing the judgment but sitting in a protective place. Sealed like Noah.
  - The pitch or seal gave her confidence and assurance that when she let him go, he would be protected from the world.
- Didn't put him too far out there. She placed the ark close to the cover by the river bank. Gave him some cover so he wasn't fully exposed.

Verse 4 – may be seasons in our life when all we can do is sit, wait, and watch. She had done all she could do. She has peace. When you have done all that you can do through the power of the Holy Ghost, all you can do is wait and watch God work.

- Moses had an older sister who was watching from a distance.
- Didn't go back and get what she let go...had to wait by faith. Hmmm, if God kept me for 3 months....why be scared now?
- Moses didn't sink...judgment proof.
- Whatever God allows you to be put into, He must know you are ready for it.

Verse 5 – Pharaoh's daughter washing herself notices. She just happens to be walking by. Not until we get rid of some stuff do we sometimes see other stuff.

- She saw it and pursued it. Don't miss the move of God because you ignored what you saw.

Verse 6 – What she saw and heard caused her to have compassion. She could tell after pulling him out that he was a Hebrew. How? Application?

Verse 7 – 9 – what looks like he's in the hand of the enemy, he's really in the hands of God. Got back what she lost and more...got peace...and paid for her trouble. Got more than she bargained for and expected.

Verse 10 – Called Moses = to be drawn out.

What great faith this mother had. She defies logic. Her love for her child and her faith in God caused her to be listed in the faith hall of fame. Look at what she did:

- Produced a child that was good. She first had to protect the child from conception to delivery in order to see for herself he was a good child.
- Protected him from the world and evil.
- Prepared a way for him to survive.
- She hid him by faith, then she released him by faith. She placed him into the hands of the living God.
- She got out of the way after she had done all that she could, and she let God take over.

Now this is key! She follows four critical steps that every believer should follow because it is in alignment with God's plan for us (see the Feast steps).

1. She sees the need and humbly turns to God (picking up the cross).
2. She turns or repents from fear and trusting in the world and self and turns instead to God (putting past and self in the grave). How do we know she turned to trusting in God...because Hebrews 11 states she hid Moses by faith.
3. She turns to trusting in God and has new hope (the resurrection).
4. She moves by the power of God to prepare her child and do those things that bring God glory. Notice she used a substance to seal and cover the ark she built for her child. The seal can be a representation of the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 1:13-14, and 4:30). This fourth step is representative of the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost).
5. There is yet a fifth step. After she has done all she can do, all she can do next is rest and wait on God to move (the Rapture). As believers, when we also follow the above first four steps, we



are awaiting Christ to move on our behalf. We are waiting for the Rapture and there is a believer's reward in store. There is a reward for trusting God:

- a. Son was restored.
- b. Found favor with the enemy.
- c. Got a reward and paid for her trouble.
- d. Secured greatness for her child.

What does a mother like Jochebed look like today? Can mothers today have the same kind of success. I believe a great mother can follow the same pattern.

1. When they look at their child, they see goodness and potential.
2. They protect their child from the world and the devil.
  - a. There are things going on today trying to expose young children to things that they really don't need to know about right now.
  - b. They don't put their kids in situations they are not ready for yet.
  - c. Santa Claus factor.
3. They prepare their children for the world and situations they are going to be facing before they go out there.
  - a. They are equipped with the word of God.
  - b. They recognize the need for God to be involved.
  - c. They are enclosed and sealed with the Holy Spirit. You've got to have the Holy Spirit, in order to seal and properly prepare someone else.
  - d. They know how to let go and let God.
4. If you follow this example, you should get the same results, favor, miracles, restoration of the child back to you, a child that grows to be great in the Kingdom of God.
  - a. A child that no matter how far or how long they are in the world, they don't forget their roots and who God has destined them to be.
  - b. They will come back home.

What happens, if it's too late. Nobody really showed you how to be a mother like Jochebed and you didn't know about doing the things she did. Now kids are already out there in the world, already facing judgment. Nobody hipped you to this or that. My question, is it too late to be that kind of mother?

No, it's not too late. There still might be some kids left in the house for you to train. Grandkids may be available. Oh, you can still go through the three key steps and start over, and reach out and pull them from the world and from death to life. You can be a Jochebed today.....and wait, and watch God work it out.

## Exodus 2 – Jochebed, The Model of a Good Mother Sermon (Part 2) We Have A Role To Play

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**Background:** Last week was Mother's Day and we saw Jochebed who was Moses' mother. We know that she is a model for a great parent because she is recognized in the faith Hall of Fame (Hebrews 11) for how she protected her son and saved his life.

Now this is key! She follows four critical steps that every believer should follow because it is in alignment with God's plan for us (see the Feast steps).

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  - a. By faith she releases him and by faith she waits for God to move and deliver.

5. There is yet a fifth step. After she has done all she can do, all she can do next is rest and wait on God to move (the Rapture). As believers, when we also follow the above first four steps, we are awaiting Christ to move on our behalf. We are waiting for the Rapture and there is a believer's reward in store. There is a reward for trusting God:
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So, we see God has a plan for Moses. I believe this is the same plan revealed for us. Let's re-review this story and bring in the other key players that have a role in saving Moses.

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His sister Miriam plays a role in the development of Moses. Notice what she does.

- Follows and watched from a distance. She doesn't get involved yet or interfere with God's plan.
- What might happen if she gets too close too soon? It may get in the way of Pharaoh's daughter's arrival.
- She didn't have the resources or means to help in this situation....yet.
- She watches before getting involved.
- She is interested and curious enough to hang around, but wise enough to wait.

Application:

- You may see someone in need but observe before you jump out there.
- Watch for those divine opportunities to assist someone in need.
- You may not have enough information yet to assist, in fact, you may do more harm than good. Until you know for sure, just watch.

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A new player arrives on the scene. Pharaoh's daughter sees a need and goes through the following steps:

1. Has identified a need to be clean so she goes down to the river. If she wasn't dirty, she would not have seen the need to make the trip to the river.
2. She sees the ark and instead of ignoring it, she turns to it. Her attention is on the ark. The ark is not what she was expecting or planning for her day, but she changes her plans to check out the ark.
  - a. God must have wanted her to see the ark, but if she doesn't see the need first, she would have never seen the ark.

3. Sees new life in the child. Behold, means she looked closely at what she didn't have or possess before. She has compassion on the child and receives a life she didn't have before. She didn't have to work for it, didn't earn it, but now she can hold onto this new life.

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Then, his sister who has been watching from a distance, has identified a need and an opportunity. What did she see?

- Saw a need for her brother to be saved.
- Saw an opportunity and need for the daughter of Pharaoh.
- Notice the only resource she really had was her knowledge. She knew something and someone who could help.
- She moves and draws closer because she has knowledge that someone else needed.
- She knew something and someone who could help in this situation.

Her importance is critical. If she didn't watch, if she didn't react, if she didn't offer what she knew, the daughter of Pharaoh doesn't get the assistance/knowledge and her mom doesn't get blessed like she is about to get blessed.

Application:

- Don't downplay the role you can play in someone else's life. She didn't have much, but what she had was critical to the plan of God for blessing His people and making Moses great.
- Look for divine appointments, no matter your state or what you may have lost, you can play a significant role in the Kingdom.
- God can and wants to use you. Be watching!

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Jochebed gets a reward and paid as she goes through the entire seven step process.

- She went through the first four steps by faith.
- She waits for God to deliver, step 5.
- Step 6, in the shadow of death she gets the victory instead of defeat.
- Step 7, she can enjoy the peace of God. If someone knocks on the door to question her about the child, she is covered, doesn't have to hide anymore.

God continues to work today through these same seven steps.

Moses turned out okay. How?



1. Had parents that feared God.
2. Had parents who protected and prepared him for the world.
3. Had someone watching him who got involved with advice at the right time.
4. Picked up a sponsor who lifted him up and saved him from a bad situation.
5. Had a good education and was nurtured in a good environment.

Perhaps if we follow this pattern, our kids can be saved too.

I need someone to play the role of Miriam. Who can look out for others and can step in and give advice and connect them with the right people.

I need someone to play the role like Pharaoh's daughter who can pull them up out of danger and educate them.

It starts at home, but God has a role that you can play in someone's life.

- The world and the devil are still trying to kill off our youth.
- Our youth are still in trouble today.
- Parents still need help today.
- Somebody still needs a divine connection and advise today.
- Someone still needs salvation today and someone who can draw them out of darkness.

I want Cloverdale to be that church, that invests in the lives of others and helps them to be great in the Kingdom.