



EXODUS 2

PROVIDENCE & PARENTING

HOW GOD WORKED THROUGH TWO *Mothers*



One

A HOSTILE WORLD

TIMELINE OF THE CONFLICT
BETWEEN PHARAOH & GOD

— EXODUS 1 —





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WATCH WHAT GOD DOES NEXT!

EXODUS 2:1-10

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Two

THE HAND OF GOD

WE ALL NEED TO SEE & TRUST
IN THE MIGHT & CARE OF GOD

— EXODUS 2:1-10, 23 —



THE GOD WHO HEARS

“During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God”

EXODUS 2:23

ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR...

“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.”

HEBREWS 11:23

By Faith

A CHRISTIAN CAN RAISE CHILDREN NO OTHER WAY, BUT “BY FAITH.” DISMISSING THE WORLD’S PRIORITIES TO CLING TO GOD’S WISDOM WILL TEST OUR FAITH. SO WE PRAY FOR THEM SPECIFICALLY & REGULARLY, KEEPING GOD’S WILL & ROLE CENTRAL TO OUR PARENTING STRATEGY. WHEN IT’S HARD, WE LEAN ON STRENGTH BEYOND OURSELVES, LEARNING FROM THE SCRIPTURES, SURROUNDING THEM WITH THE CHURCH —STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH GODLY PEOPLE.

NOT JUST FOR HEBREW PARENTS IN EGYPT

New Creation



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“AN ARK” | ONLY USED HERE & GENESIS 6-9 | TEBAH
A SEALED BOX OR CONTAINER, HERE USED TO DELIVER
THROUGH THE DANGEROUS CHAOS OF THE WATERS

New Creation

**GOD WAS DOING A MIGHTY WORK IN
ISRAEL & THEIR DELIVERER, CREATING
A NEW PEOPLE THROUGH WHOM HE
WILL BLESS THE WHOLE WORLD.**

*“Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter,
‘Shall I go and call you a nurse from the
Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’
And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.”
So the girl went and called the child’s
mother. And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her,
“Take this child away and nurse him for me,
and I will give you your wages.””*

— EXODUS 2:7-9 —



Three

HEROIC HEROINES

GOD USES UNDERESTIMATED
SERVANTS FOR HIS GLORY

— EXODUS 2; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:28-31 —



THE HEBREW MIDWIVES

“But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.”

EXODUS 1:17; ISAIAH 8:13

KILL THE SONS, LET THE DAUGHTERS LIVE

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“Embedded within the structure we see the pervasive hand of God turning events to his purposes. We see also the irony of the situation—Pharaoh’s plan of genocide include the preservation of daughters but, as things turned out, it was daughters who were its downfall.”

— Alec Motyer
The Message of Exodus:
The Days of Our Pilgrimage

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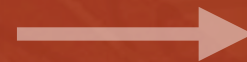
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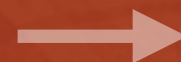
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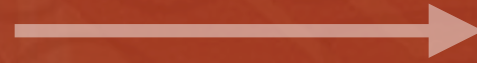
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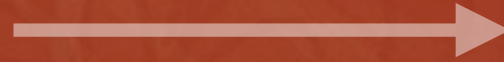
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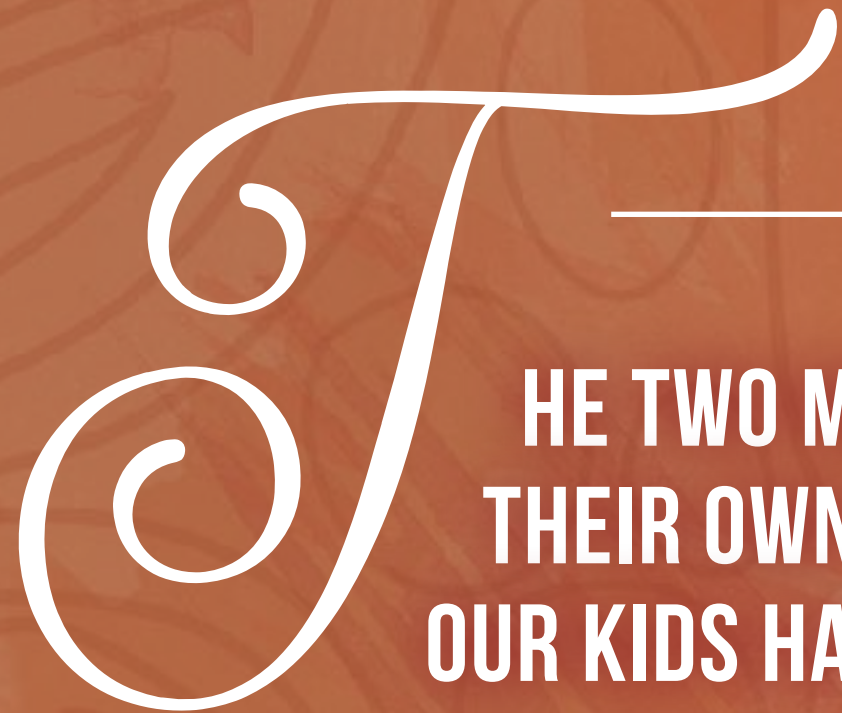
Four

MATERNAL CARE

GOD USED A MOM'S COURAGE,
A SISTER'S INITIATIVE & AN
ADOPTIVE MOM'S INSTANT LOVE

— EXODUS 2:1-10 —





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**WHAT A DIFFERENCE A BIG SISTER CAN MAKE!
HOW CLEVER & BOLD A MOVE! PROBABLY 8-12
YEARS OLD YET SHE LOOKED OUT FOR HER SIBLING!**

... concealment in perhaps the best place to hide something outdoors in Egypt ... the reeds along the Nile. Here Jochebed would be able to retrieve her baby to nurse him and give him love when no Egyptian police/soldiers were around ... It need not be assumed that the baby Moses would have been in his ark virtually around the clock.”

— Douglas K. Stuart
Exodus, vol. 2

**“Yet he was discovered—and by an Egyptian!
In the story’s surprising twist, however, the
discovery by an Egyptian, under other
conditions likely to lead to the boy’s death,
leads instead to a perfect protection of his
life.”**

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“One imagines, in fact, Moses’ adoptive mother telling him the story of his rescue many times—and how precious he seemed to her the first moment she set eyes on him. (The princess’s reaction is entirely realistic. The author’s family includes four adopted children. Any adoptive parent can testify to the almost instantaneous love that wells up inside us upon seeing a child who needs care, when we know that we are in a position to give it.)”

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Five

GLORY TO GOD!

THANK THE LORD FOR MOMS
& GIVE YOUR MOTHER HONOR!

— EPHESIANS 6:2; MATTHEW 15:3-6 —



THIS ONE STORY OF GOD'S WORK ILLUSTRATES THE WAY GOD USES MOTHERS TO BLESS THE WORLD. IN HIS WISDOM, HE CREATED A UNIQUE BOND OF LOVE IN A MOTHER & CHILD. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE SELFLESS, TIRELESS CARE YOU REQUIRED FROM BIRTH? DO YOU REALIZE HOW SHE WRESTLES WITH CONSTANT CONCERN FOR HER KIDS' FUTURE & WELLBEING? JOCHEBED WAS SPECIAL, BUT HER MATERNAL LOVE SIMPLY EXEMPLIFIES THE DAILY BUSINESS OF MOTHERHOOD.

EXOD. 2:1-10; 1 SAM. 1-2; LUKE 1-2

HONOR YOUR MOTHER!

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”

PROVERBS 31:28-31

