

Raised Right

“The name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses and Miriam their sister” (Number 26:59).

As Christian parents, we hope that our kids will grow up to do great things. We want them to use the gifts that they have been given by God for His glory. We all should pray that they come to know Jesus as Lord in their lives. We should seek God’s favorable hand upon their journey through life. And we should strive to do everything that we possibly can to “raise them right” by pointing them to the grace of God!

When it comes to a couple who exemplified this in the Bible, we could be tempted to jump to Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Rebekah, or even Joseph and Mary. But what about Amram and Jochebed? Have you ever heard of these hidden heroes of the Bible? What did Amram and Jochebed do with their lives? What did they do of any significance? O yeah... Through their union came three of the most important characters of the Old Testament, Miriam, Aaron, and the great Moses.

Now of course Moses wasn’t under their roof and leadership long... If you recall the evil Pharaoh at the time of Moses’ birth had declared that: “Every son that is born to the Hebrews, you shall cast into the Nile” (Exodus 1:22). But the writer of Hebrews tells us that Amram and Jochebed had great faith and recognized that God’s anointing was on Moses. He writes: “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). Did you catch that? Moses’ parents had faith in God! And although Moses wasn’t raised in their home, their faith still impacted and influenced Moses’ life for the good.

Aaron and Miriam on the other hand got the privilege of living under the God-fearing leadership of Amram and Jochebed. And although they weren’t as grand of Spiritual Giants as Moses came to be... They sure made their mark in God’s redemptive storyline. If you just glance through the pages of the books of Exodus through Deuteronomy, Miriam and Aaron are on many of the pages... As Aaron served as the first High Priest in Israel.

And so, what is the lesson here? Spiritual giants come out of a house that serves the Lord (Joshua 24:15). Christians are bred and born among parents who don’t conform to the ways of the world, but rather seek to serve the Living God! And so when it comes to your parenting or grandparenting, none of us are perfect... But we sure can give it our all through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us to raise them right. Because like Amram and Jochebed, what better joy is there than to see that your children are walking in the truth? (3 John 4)

Respect the Blood,
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