

Acts 7:22 “Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.”

Hebrews 11:24 “By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ^[25] He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.”

Hebrews 11:26 “He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”

How can we apply Jochebed’s story to our life?

A. Trust the Lord and leave the burden with the Lord.

Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Hebrews 11:23b “... They were not afraid of the King’s edict.”

B. Trust the Lord and take your next step.

Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ^[6] In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.”

C. Trust the Lord with the outcome and give thanks.

I Thessalonians 5:18 “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

“Mother’s Day” A Woman of Faith Exodus 2:1-10 5/12/24

I. Jochebed is described!

A. She was from the priestly tribe.

****Exodus 2:1** “Now a man by the house of Levi married a Levite woman.” ^[2a] And she became pregnant and gave birth to a son”

Numbers 26:59a “The name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt”

B. She had three precious children.

Numbers 26:59b “... To Amram she bore Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam.”

C. She lived in a pagan culture.

D. She had powerful faith.

II. Jochebed faced difficulties!

A. She was faced with many problems.

Exodus 1:8 “Then a new king who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt.”

1. The Jewish population was growing.

Exodus 1:9 “Look,” he said to his people “the Israelites have become much too numerous for us.”

2. The Jews might join a powerful opposing army.

Exodus 1:10 “Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave our country.”

3. The Jews might exit on a path to a different country.

Exodus 1:13 “And worked them ruthlessly. [¹⁴] They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.”

B. She was faced with peril from the king’s edict.

1. He ordered the midwives to kill the Jewish baby boys.

Exodus 1:16 “When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”

Exodus 1:17 “The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live”

Exodus 1:18 “Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

Exodus 1:19 “The midwives answered Pharaoh, Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

2. He ordered the Egyptian people to kill the Jewish baby boys.

Exodus 1:22 “Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

Acts 7:19 “He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our forefathers by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.”

III. Jochebed’s faith was on display.

A. Her faith was displayed by who she concealed.

****Exodus 2:2b** “... When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.”

Acts 7:20b “... he was no ordinary child.”

Hebrews 11:23 “By faith, Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.”

B. Her faith was displayed by what she crafted.

****Exodus 2:3** “But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch”

C. Her faith was displayed by the care she displayed.

****Exodus 2:3b** “... Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.”

Exodus 2:4 “His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.”

IV. Jochebed was rewarded with direct protection from God.

A. God used an unlikely person to deliver Moses.

****Exodus 2:5** “Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it.”

****Exodus 2:6** “She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.”

B. God used a unique person to care for Moses.

****Exodus 2:7b** “... “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?”

****Exodus 2:8** “Yes, go,” she answered. And the girl went and got the baby’s mother.”

****Exodus 2:9** “Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you. So, the woman took the baby and nursed him.”

C. God positioned Moses in an unbelievably nice palace.

****Exodus 2:10** “When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”