

CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE

Exodus 2: 2-10

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, **2** and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. **3** But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. **4** His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. **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.

7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

8 "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. **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. **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."

SHE SAW THE NEED

Pharaoh's daughter saw the child

The child was in a vulnerable place (In a river with little protection)

She wasn't look for the child (she was bathing in a river)

She's had compassion for the child (she felt sorry for him)

Application: Who are the vulnerable in our community?

SHE RESPONDED TO THE NEED

Pharaoh's daughter rescued the child

The child was in great need (mom gave him up for his safety)

She responded to the need (she took him in as her son)

It cost her something (paid the mom to nurse him)

Application: Who is God calling us to care for?

SHE COMMITTED TO THE NEED

Pharaoh's daughter cared for the child

It was a selfless commitment (She took him in)

It changed her life (she would care for the child)

It changed Mose's life (he would grow up in Pharoah's home)

Application: What steps are we willing to take?

Notes to consider for message:

About the Story:

Hebrew boys were to be put to death if under the age of 2. Yet, Pharaoh's daughter went against her own father to care for Moses.

God would place Moses, the one who would lead his people out of Egypt, in the home of Pharaoh.

About the Message:

Add in relevant illustrations and stories that fit the context of your congregation.

Additional Verses:

- Proverbs 31:8 - *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.*
- Deuteronomy 10:18 - *He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing*
- James 1:27 - *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world*
- Romans 8:15-17 - **15** *The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."* **16** *The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.* **17** *Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory*
- Isaiah 1:17 - *Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow*
- Micah 6:8 - *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*
- Psalm 68:5-6 - *Father to the fatherless, defender of widows— this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families; He sets the prisoners free and gives them joy*
- Exodus 2:10 - *When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses,^[a] saying, "I drew him out of the water."*
- Psalm 68:5-6 *God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.*