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The Birth of Moses!

Lesson Text: Exodus 1-4

Focus Verses: Exodus 3:13-14 - ¹³ And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? ¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.

Truth About Covenant: God heard Israel's cry for a deliverer and raised up Moses.

Exodus tells of Egypt's harsh treatment of Israel. Although they were enslaved, they did not yet cry out to God. God's covenant people seemed to silently bow beneath the taskmasters' whips. Exodus 1:15-22 describes a grisly horror no parent should ever endure: Pharaoh demanded the death of all Hebrew newborn boys. Over forty years—an entire generation—passed before we come to the cry God had been waiting on since Israel first set up camp in Egypt.

In the middle of Pharaoh's diabolic edict to kill all the male children, two Israelites of the tribe of Levi—Amram and Jochebed—found themselves expecting their third child. Moses was born, and his mother realized he was special, and she hatched a plan to save him. She laid her three-month-old son in a basket and sent him along the Nile River. And sent her daughter Miriam to make sure nothing happened to him. Pharaoh's daughter took the baby and noticed he was a Hebrews' child. Miriam ran to the women and asked, "Would you like me to find a Hebrew nurse for the little baby?" Pharaoh's daughter said, "Yes." Miriam ran home, and Pharaoh's family paid Jochebed to nurse her own son while under federal protection.

Only God could orchestrate such a reversal, but God was answering His covenant people's cries for deliverance, and He was raising up this young man Moses to be their deliverer. Moses spent the formative years of his life raised as Egyptian royalty. However, the lessons his mother planted were deeply embedded in Moses' heart and mind. This knowledge led to an inner struggle that revealed itself in an outward action: Moses killed an Egyptian who was hurting an Israelite. A polished prince ran out of Egypt into the desert and toward his destiny.

God revealed His covenant name as I AM. "And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you" (Exodus 3:14). Moses needed God's signature, and God gladly signed. God revealed and affixed His covenant name, revealing Himself as the self-sufficient one who is always present, always working, and all powerful. Moses felt woefully inadequate to the task, God would not accept his excuses because Moses was not going in his own power; he was going in the power of **I AM**. So are we.

We've been living amid the wreckage, cowering beneath the consequences of our own failure and surrounded by our shattered lives, ruined relationships, and failed hopes. Although we know its heartaches and pain, we are often more comfortable in that environment than in a place of freedom and hope. Many people are so used to their spiritual bondage; they do not even have a desire to cry for help. It often takes an escalation of our situation to bring us to the point of crying for deliverance. We must be careful we are not so content in our crisis that it stifles our cry for help. God sees our crises but is waiting on us to make a decision and move forward asking for His help.

We do not realize we are in a crisis until we find ourselves abandoned and alone. No matter what you are facing, God is always listening. Do not be ashamed that you cannot save yourself. Do not worry about how loud or how long you need to cry. Your cry is crucial to your salvation. God is listening, and He will pick you up, clean you up, and adopt you. Your hope is waiting; you just need to be willing to cry out to Him.

What about you . . . are you in a comfortable crisis? Has contentment stolen your cry? Do not continue to live enslaved by sin when God is simply waiting on your cry. His ears are open now, and His desire is to deliver you.