

Last Hidden Figures - Zipporah - 6-5-24

Heard it all before Going to share a story you've never heard before.

Moses was chosen to lead Israel out of Egyptian slavery. The **great Moses!**
But Moses only became great b/c of his wife. Know her name? **Zipporah.**

Their story begins when Moses fled to Midian. Saves 7 daughters from shepherds, drew water for them, watered their flock. An Egyptian. Jethro, priest of Midian. Burning Bush . . . "who am I?" **Hesitant Moses.**

What if they don't believe me? I'm not eloquent. Send someone else.

Exodus 4 NIV ²⁴ At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses[□] and was about to kill him. ²⁵ But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. [□] "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me," she said. ²⁶ So the LORD let him alone.
(Moses was safe because of that circumcision.)

Zipporah saved his life. Few details. But they both know/understand.

Background – All Hebrew males were to be circumcised. Moses hadn't done this for his own sons. He can't lead the people of Israel until he's led in his own home.

Point 1 – God's love is unlimited, His mercy longsuffering. Consequences exist. He gets our attention over & over; but judgment is coming. For all. The chosen.
- God doesn't need us to do His work. But He wants us. **Created w/intention.**
A servant who knows the master's will but does not do it, faces punishment.
Luke 12 – Jesus' parable. Let Moses' story urge us to be "good & faithful"

Background – Moses is Hebrew, but raised in Pharaoh's household. He's Egyptian. Wearing those clothes, speaking different. But he's Hebrew, circumcised. It was a sign of the covenant w/Abraham. **Moses has forgotten his roots. Identity**

Point 2 – Zipporah's action is to remind Moses – "Remember who you are."
You are the bloodline of Abraham. You're different, but you've been fitting in.

Sometimes people need a hand... a push. Even Jesus – out of wine.
We're called to be helpers to others . . . family & friends.

2 Cor. 1:4 [Good News Trans] – "He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God."

Many a successful person succeeded b/c of who was behind them ... remember!
Remember . . . We can be encouragers to others so they live/purpose.

When our loved ones are too weak, too sick, feeling incapable – we can step in.
Zipporah does. She does what Moses should have done. **Reminds him!**
“I’m gonna love you through it.” Speak up. Act. So they get up... live.

Moses was reluctant to lead; **Zipporah’s act changed him.** He became a leader.
Moses led hesitant, discouraged, stubborn people. Did it b/c he was the same.
Moses - 80, Aaron - 83 when they speak to Pharaoh. It’s not too late.

Point 3 – Zipporah says: “**You’re a bridegroom of blood to me.**” Her only words.
Blood is on Zipporah’s hands so Moses can live. We live b/c blood was shed.

Heb. 9:22 – “For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.”
According to the law of Moses, “nearly everything was purified with blood.”

Leviticus 17:11 – “...it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

Last supper. “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many”

Jesus is the bridegroom. **Matthew 9:15** - "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while He is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.”

Rev. 19 describes the “Wedding Feast of the Lamb.”

We – the church - are the bride, and Jesus is our bridegroom.

There is eternal, everlasting love from the groom to His bride – us.

We are loved – no matter what. **Sinner or saint. Loved.** Proven, by blood.

Song of the week – “O Bride of Christ” - Redemption City Church