

Moses is Born

Exodus 2

REFLECTION

Write or share about a time when you saw God's hand moving during a difficult time in your life. What blessings did you encounter in the midst of your trial?

Read Exodus 2:1-4.

QUESTIONS

- The house of Levi: Levi was one of the 12 tribes of Israel and Jacob's third son. Why was the Levite woman trying to hide her child and from whom? (HINT: The answer can be found in Exodus 1.)
- Why do you think he could not remain hidden?
- What do you think the sister was feeling?
- Have you ever had someone who was concerned about your physical or spiritual well-being?

Read Exodus 2:5-6.

QUESTIONS

- Describe the life of a Pharaoh's daughter.
- How would the daughter know this was a Hebrew child?

Read Exodus 2:7-9.

QUESTIONS

- Why would they search for a nurse from the Hebrew women?
- Who was chosen as Moses' nurse? Reread verse 9. What did you notice?
- Not only was Jochebed going to nurse her own child, but she would also be paid wages for caring for Moses. Can you see the hand of God in this story?
- Moses' name means to "draw out." How do you see the meaning of his name as it applies to him leading the Israelites?

Read about the story of Samuel and Hannah in 1 Samuel chapter 1.

QUESTIONS

- How does this story compare to the story of Moses?
- What can you learn from the times that God says "No" or "Not right now"?
- Our children have always belonged to God first. What should we do in return according to the story of Jochebed and Hannah?
- God had a bigger purpose for Moses and Samuel, Hannah's son. Can you let go of your children and allow God to perform His good work in them?

Read Exodus 2:11-14.

QUESTIONS

- What sin did Moses commit? What should have been his punishment?

- Was nobody really looking? Who sees all our sins?
- Why did Moses hide the Egyptian in the sand?
- How often do we judge others and correct them when we ourselves have sinned?
- How did Moses feel once he discovered the word was out about the man he killed? How do we feel when our sin is exposed?
- Read 2 Samuel 24:14. What does this tell us about God?

Read Exodus 2:15-18.

QUESTIONS

- Moses fled 400-500 miles from Egypt to Midian. Why?
- Can we run from God? (i.e., Jonah traveled 2,500 miles to the land of Tarshish in hopes of avoiding Ninevah.)
- What did the women do at the well? What is the meaning of Moses' name? Look at God!
- What do we know about the #7 in the Bible?
- Women would not have watered their sheep at the same time as the men. What have we learned about Moses so far? Describe his character traits.

Read Exodus 2:19-22.

QUESTIONS

- Moses was a Hebrew. Why would the daughters mistake him for an Egyptian?
- What was the verb the daughters used? How does deliverance play into the story of Moses leading the Israelites?
- Moses left the area where God planned for him to be. Can God still use us even when we choose to run from Him?
- List some good things that came out of Midian for Moses?
- How does the meaning of Gershom's name apply to the meaning of this story?

Read Exodus 2:23-25.

QUESTIONS

- God could have saved the Israelites at any time, but He waited until this Pharaoh died. Why? Is it hard to wait on God? Why?
- Do we always see the bigger picture? Does God?
- Do you think the children of Israel cried out to God before?
- Had God really not heard their cries before?
- Read God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.
- When you hear the Abram Accords mentioned in the news, it refers back to this covenant God made with Abraham. Is the Bible real and filled with truths? How do you know?

CHALLENGE

We cannot hide our sin from God just like we cannot run from Him. I challenge you today to give up. Yes. Quit! Stop trying to take control of your life. It sounds cliché but let go and let God. He has prepared a path for you. Trust His process. Let Him guide you and lead the way. Stop running around the hamster wheel of life and pursue God. He has something so much better waiting for you on the other side. Ask Him to forgive you for going in the wrong direction and pray that He show you the right way. Read His Word for clarification. Let His Word become a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path (Psalm 119:105).