

TALE OF TWO MOTHERS

TEXT: Exodus 2:1-10

1 Now a man of the house 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 river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl 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. And 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."

THEME: MOTHERS' DAY

BACKGROUND: Exodus 1:22

EXPOSITION:

- I. A LEVITE WOMAN (JOCHEBED, EXODUS 6:20)) – MOSES' NATURAL MOTHER (EXODUS 2:1-3)
 1. She gave birth to a son, *1 Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son.*
 2. She saw the baby's potential and destiny, *When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.*
 3. She protected the baby with courage, *3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch.*
 4. She entrusted the baby to God's care. *Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. (The Nile river It is known to be infested with crocodiles!)*
 5. She cared for him as a nanny instead of his mother, *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. And 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.*

II. PHARAOHS DAUGHTER – MOSES’ ADOPTED MOTHER (Exodus 2:5-10)

1. She saved the baby, *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.*
2. She had compassion, *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.*
3. She cared for the baby as her own, *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. And 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.*
4. She named him “Moses,” *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."*
5. She educated Moses, *Acts 7:20-22 "At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father's house. 21 When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. 22 **Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.***

PRINCIPLES TO LEARN:

1. A MOTHER’S LOVE ILLUSTRATES GOD’S LOVE
 - John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
2. A MOTHER’S COMPASSION ILLUSTRATES GOD’S COMPASSION
 - Isa 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
3. A MOTHER’S SACRIFICE ILLUSTRATES CHRIST’S SACRIFICE
 - Ephesians 5:2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.