

## Exodus 2:1-10

8 May 2022

ICE BREAKER: Describe a recent time you gave money or something valuable to someone else.

### LARGE GROUP QUESTIONS:

(Read Hebrews 11:23) This period of history was a **dark time** for the Israelites. They were under a **reign of terror**. Out of fear, Pharaoh had enslaved the Israelites to hard, back-breaking labor. Out of jealousy, the Egyptians had grown to hate the Israelites. However, in this dark time, God introduced a **woman of amazing faith—Jochebed, the mother of Moses**.

Endangering the safety of her entire family, Jochebed rebelled against the Pharaoh's edict to kill her newborn son. For three months, Jochebed secretly hid baby Moses. She chose to rebel against Pharaoh because her **fear of God** was **greater than** her **fear of man**.

1. Describe something **unpopular** or **dangerous** you **did** that you knew to be **right** out of **fear of God**.

(Read verses 3-8) Jochebed's faith is a study of **Biblical faith**. Faith calls us to have a fear of God greater than a fear of man. However, Biblical faith not only is **filled with courage**, but **also wisdom**. Notice the wisdom of Jochebed's plan to save her baby.

Understanding the Pharaoh's command to throw infant sons into the Nile, Jochebed cast her baby son onto the river, but cast him there inside a water-sealed basket. Also, Jochebed didn't just place the baby anywhere along the Nile, but directly among the reeds where Pharaoh's princess would be bathing, a perfect place to win the heart of a single woman. Also, Jochebed knew that only a princess of Pharaoh would be able to keep a Hebrew infant son from certain death.

2. Describe a time when your **faith in God** gave you **wisdom you couldn't explain**.

(Read verses 1-2) In the Bible, **faith** is not passive, but **active**. When we **face challenges** in life, Biblical **faith calls** us to **action**, to **seize the moment**, to not let the moment pass us by.

When Jochebed faced the death sentence upon her infant son, she did not lose hope. She did not become paralyzed. She did not feel helpless. Rather, she took immediate action.

She **hid baby** Moses for three months. In that three months, she **devised** an **ingenious plan** to save her son. Faith calls us to step up to the challenge, knowing **with God** on our side, **who can stop us?**

3. Recently, how do you see God calling you to **step up in your faith**?

(Read verse 3) Although faith calls us to seize the moment, it may also call us to trust God once we have taken our active steps of faith. Biblical faith not only calls us to take hold, but also to **let go**, to **surrender** our situation or crisis into God's hands.

After hiding her infant son for three months, after setting her plan into action, Jochebed "**placed** the child in it (the basket) and **put** it among the reeds". What a picture of faith! There are **defining moments** in our lives where after everything we have done, we must place the situation into God's hands and **step back**. Only then, will **God step in** to do the **amazing things only He can do**.

4. How has God called you to let go of a **problem** or **challenge** and **step back, trusting in Him**?

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### PRAYER GROUP TIME

*(Make a list of people to whom those in your group can witness Christ this week or invite to Celebration.)*

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