

What You Do Today Will Greatly Affect What You Children Will Do Tomorrow!

Proverbs 31 Woman
 Actually written to King Lemuel by his mother.

It was the kind of woman he was to look for.
The specific qualities he should look for.

Exodus 1:8-10 (NASB)

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.⁹ He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. ¹⁰ "Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land."

Exodus 1:11-12 (NASB)

¹¹ So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

Exodus 1:15-17 (NASB)

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah; ¹⁶ and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see *them* upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live."

Exodus 1:15-17 (NASB) ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

Genesis 13:16 (NASB) ¹⁶ "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Acts 7:20 (NASB) ²⁰ "It was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of God, and he was nurtured three months in his father's home.

Hebrews 11:23 (NASB) ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Exodus 1:22 (NASB) ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

Exodus 2:1-2 (NASB) ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi.² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.

Exodus 2:3-4 (NASB)

³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set *it* among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.⁴ His sister stood at a distance to find out what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:5-6 (NASB)

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

Exodus 2:7-8 (NASB)

⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women that she may nurse the child for you?"⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Exodus 2:9-10 (NASB)

⁹ Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she named him Moses, and said, "Because I drew him out of the water."

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- <u>Age is not an excuse</u>: Jochebed was 135 years old when she had Moses.
- You have to be a women of faith: Jochebed was not afraid of the Kings commands.

- *You have to be willing to take a stand*: Jochebed hid Moses for three months.
- *She was willing to do what made no sense*: she made an ark out of bulrushes, slime & pitch.

• *Then she put her trust in God*: she placed Moses in the little ark in the Nile so Pharaoh's daughter could find.

Nothing happens by chance: Pharaoh's daughter not only found Moses but was an instrument to provide education and position to God's chosen one. Romans 8:28 (NASB) ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

God will provide: Not only was she allowed to take care of Him, she was paid to do it, Moses was to be brought up in a heathen environment, O, how he needed a counteracting influence, and what influence could equal that of a praying mother, who would teach him the Word of God.

Moses was born into family Hebrew slaves

- Raised in Egyptian royal household
- Son of a Princess
- Had best education
- Found out his origin at age of 40 and fled
- Killed a man who was beating a

countryman

- Lived in the desert 40 years
- Had an encounter with God

- Returned to Egypt
- Approached Pharaoh 10 times requesting that his people be let go
- Moses was a stutter
- Led Israel out of Egypt
- By the power of God, split the Red Sea
- Received the Ten Commandments
- Led his people in the wilderness for 40 years & to edge of Promised Land

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The true mother lives in every son, he is the answer to her prayers, the result of her watchfulness, a true correction of her own faults. Who knows how many leaders of God's people may be at the present time in course of training by some pious mother?

A mother who loves the Savior, and who has a more severe anguish when she knows that, not the life of her child is at stake, but its soul, can rest in the assurance that Jochebed's God still lives, and if He still lives then greater is He that lives in you than he that lives is in this world..