



**Jochebed:  
Preparing a Child  
for God's Use!  
Exodus 2:1-10**

## Observations

- **We salute all mothers on this Lord's Day**
- **Some of us wouldn't be in God's house today without the determination of our mothers**
- **However, Mother's Day is a difficult day for many of us**
- **Some of you, like me, are missing your moms, especially on today because they have already left this world; and they were so good to you.**
- **Some of you are missing motherhood, having seen your children die before you leave this world. We honor you on today**
- **Today's lesson will highlight the spiritual determination of a mother and its results in the life of her child**



## Jochebed is a Classic Blueprint for a Mother's Religious Determination

- Jochebed is in the book of Exodus because Moses, her son, wrote it (this man includes his faithful mother's story in his book).
- Without a Jochebed, there would be no Moses
- Every Hebrew mother was not as faithful to God as Jochebed  
She lived in a hostile work environment (forced slave labor)

While the Israelites were in Egyptian slavery, they began to multiply numerically to the point that the Egyptian king felt that their population was a threat, (Exodus chapter 1)

So, the Israelite midwives were told that if during delivery of an Israelite infant, a boy comes out of the womb, kill him!

Jochebed and the midwives were expected to comply with this law

## So, What Happened Here?

**Exodus 2:1-2, “Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 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...”**

- **Let’s give proper recognition to the Hebrew midwives**
- **The King asked, “why are the Israelite boys still being born?”**
- **The midwives replied that the Hebrew women gave birth to their children quicker than we can get to “labor and delivery!” So the midwives weren’t present for the delivery!**
- **Exodus 1:20, “So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.”**

**Because You Participate in God’s Work, He Will Participate in Yours; *Psalms 37:4, “Delight thyself ....”***

# **Life for Some Bible Moms Was Hard!**

## **Remember Samuel's Mother, Hannah**

- **Hannah's husband was also married at the same time to another woman, Pininnah, who bore children for him, but Hannah could not conceive (infertile), and it grieved her.**
- **1Samuel 1:7, Pininnah would publicly irritate, provoke, and embarrass Hannah when they both showed up at worship together because she gave her husband no children.**
- **1Samuel 1:12, Once Eli, the priest, thought she was drunk (he caught her lips moving without speaking, praying in agony)**

## **Remember Mary the Mother of Jesus**

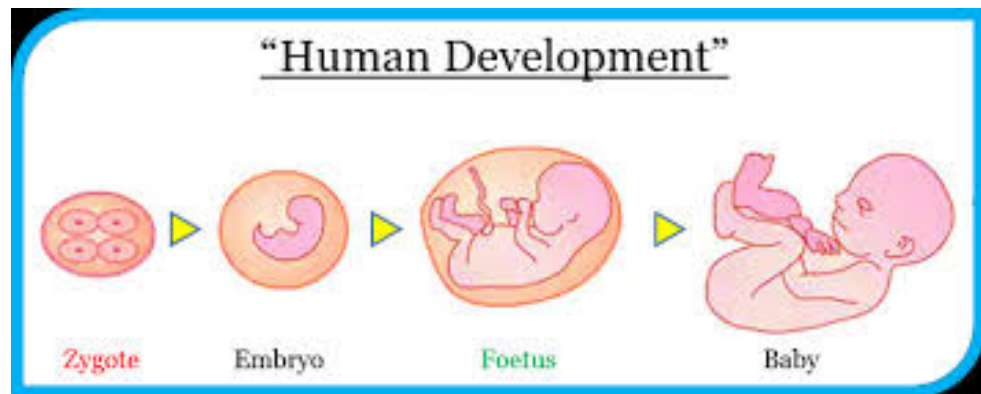
- **It was foretold that a sword would pierce her heart, Luke 2**
- **How devastated she must have been when her dear son Jesus, a good man was arrested on trumped up charges, beaten and humiliated and finally crucified like a common criminal (Before Arbery, Floyd, and E. Till, was Jesus)**

# Observations

- Jochebed's son was not "an inconvenience," to her (Roe vs. Wade)
- When does a woman's "rights" justify her child's "murder?"
- Look at what God tells Jeremiah in chapter 1 and verse 5:

***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, Before you were born I set you apart."***

- God says I knew you when you were a "zygote", a mass of cells (when sperm unites with the egg), before you became an embryo then a fetus



# Observations

- **Many Bible moms had a hard time because they decided to live “counter cultural” lives**
- **They didn’t go along with the mainstream around them, but stood for something different, something better. 1 Samuel 1:11, Hannah promised that if God gave her a child, she would give it back to Him. Shouldn’t that be the goal of every mother?**
- **Notice that when God finally gave Hannah a child, named Samuel, she fulfilled a promise, giving him back to God, 1 Samuel 1:24-28**
- **She left Samuel, “spiritually equipped!” Mothers are you fulfilling a promise to God? Hannah put her son in a position to be “spiritually successful.” Then it’s up to the child.**

# Mothers, How Do Spiritually Equip Your Children?

## Listen to Moses Instruct the Children of Israel

*“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home, and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”*

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

- Mothers, you are preparing your children for a future that you may not live to see.
- It's best to develop their “spiritual decision making abilities,” which should help all of the other decisions that they make



## What Did This Mother Do?

- She found some papyrus (thick material used to make ropes), made a water-tight basket with tar (glue like) and placed her baby at the bank of the Nile river and let go of the basket

**All Mothers at Some Point Have to Let Go  
of their Basket!**

**We Have to Place Our Situation in God's Hands**

*“By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.” Hebrews 11:23*

- I suggest to you that Jochebed's previous evidence of what faith in God could do, helped her with the present circumstance
- The evidence that you already have that God didn't let you down should help you with your present circumstances

## Mothers What's In Your Basket?

- Could it be your ideas of the way you thought your life would be?
- Could it be your vision of how you thought your relationships would be?
- Could it be anger or bitterness or hurt that you haven't relinquished? (disappointment)
- Could it be the fear of loneliness?

Please embrace loneliness rather than ugliness (some mothers with ungodly husbands envy your position)

Any kind of love that you pursue in an ungodly manner is bound to BOOMERANG and cause agony and emotional misery

***Some Baskets We Really Do Need to Send  
Down the River!***

## Faithfulness Often Means Giving Up Something We Can't Keep (Send it Down the River)

- **God rewards Jochebed's faithfulness, Hebrews 11:6**
- **It was no coincidence, but providence, that around the same time Jochebed sends her precious innocent baby down the river in a basket, Pharoah's daughter and her attendants were going to the river too!**
- **They saw the floating basket and heard the baby crying (No men around). God picks the right place and the right time for this baby as He does for all of His grown children**
- **Remember that children were being murdered around Jochebed every day (like today)**
- **Obviously, she didn't understand God's plans for the baby**
- **But she trusted God with her son**

## Because She Gave Her Baby to God, He Rewarded Her

- Exodus 2:4, says that as the basket with the baby was floating down the river, Miriam, Moses' older sister, was watching the basket to see what would happen (siblings can be naturally concerned and protective of each other)
- When Pharaoh's daughter discovered there was a baby inside the basket, she felt compassion for it.
- Miriam was now close enough in proximity and tactful enough to ask a "loaded question." *"Shall I get one of the Israelite slave women to nurse this baby for you?"*
- Pharaoh's daughter says, "yes, go." And who does Miriam, Moses' sister get? Moses' mother, verses 7-10
- Jochebed is offered salary plus benefits to raise her own son

***Mothers,  
Who Can Arrange That But God?***

# The Plan of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**

**Acts 2:38**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38**

