

Mother's day

Sermon from the mom of Moses and parallels to our day

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Announce

- Free gift to every woman in attendance

Background

Discuss the picture

- What scene does this illustrate?
- What can you tell me about this story?

Condition for Israel

- Down to Egypt during the famine 350 years ago
- Blessed by God under the leadership of Joseph
- New generation of Egyptians threatened by them
- **Note:** Our culture doesn't understand conservative Christianity either

Began to be oppressed

- Forced to hard labor - continue to multiply
- Midwives ordered to kill the males
 - They defy the order
 - God blesses them with children of their own
- Now the edict has come: [Ex 1:22](#) (ESV) (22) *Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."*
- It's open season on the Hebrew male

Characters

- Amram - Moses' father
- Jochabed
 - Don't even know her name until [Ex 6:20](#) (ESV) (20) *Amram took as his wife Jochebed his father's sister, and she bore him Aaron and Moses, the years of the life of Amram being 137 years.*
 - Her children:

- Aaron - 1st high priest
- Miram - saves Moses in this story, and is a musician and poet
- Moses - who this story is about
- I want to talk about her actions (Jochabed) and their import

Text

Exodus 2:1-9 (ESV) (1) *Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. (2) The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. (3) When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. (4) And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. (5) Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. (6) When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." (7) Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" (8) And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. (9) And 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.*

Points

She perceived the threat

- Obviously there was a threat against the Hebrew children
- She didn't have to be too perceptive to know that
- She also perceived that the next generation (i.e. her child) was worth saving!
- See this passage, see **Acts 7:20** (ESV) (20) *At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, and see **Heb 11:23** (ESV) (23) *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.**
- Perceived there was something special about him
- **Note:** There's something special about every child!

She prioritized his need

- Instead of caring for herself - she chooses to keep and care for Moses
- We think of that as *natural* - and a mother's sacrificial love is a great example of God's amazing love for us
- **Thought** Far too often in our culture today, the need of the child come after the need of the adult.
- It meant his life was more important than her own
- **Note:** He couldn't immediately repay her. It was all risk, and no immediate reward
- She chose to defy the culture and place herself in harm's way for the sake of this little baby!
- When she could no longer hide him... again *open season*
- See the care she goes to...
 - Prepares a little water tight basket for him
 - Sends his sister to stand watch over him
- **Point:** She did everything she could to ensure this little guy's survival

She was provided for by God

- All she did was blessed by God
- All she did was part of God's bigger plan
- See how her needs were met
 - God to care for her own child until he was weaned
 - Was remunerated for her expenses
 - Got to teach and instill into him God's values - and be paid by the state to do so!
- Ultimately he becomes the deliverer for her family
 - Moses brings the people of Israel out

Application

Thank you!

- All of you mom's who've sacrificed to raise your child - per the promise of the day - in the way of the Lord
- Grandmothers and great-grandmothers - still trying to influence the next generation
- Teachers, etc. who've tried to bring the Gospel to them

Do we see the need?

- Such an anti Christian culture
- War for the hearts and minds of children

- Toll drugs are taking on the families?

Are we willing to adjust our priorities?

- How can we get involved?
- Yes this is "our time" but how do we change our focus?
 - Outreach to kids
 - Mentoring / discipling?
 - Child care?
 - Tutoring
- God will make sure our need is met, even as we try to meet the need of others

Closing

Lord - show us individually and corporately how we can better serve the next generation!