

Life Group Notes

Sunday 14th February 2021

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Title: A Mother's Faith, A Daughter's Risk

Passage: Exodus 2: 1-10

Desperate times - We join the story of God's people during desperate times. Pharaoh has given the order *"Every boy that is born must be thrown into the Nile, but let every girl live"*.

Read Exodus 2v1-10

A Mother's faith – Her baby boy is born under a death sentence. She decides to do what Pharaoh said, to cast her boy into the Nile, but on her terms. She makes a little Ark to save her son from the coming judgment of water. A moment of faith. She did not abandon the child. She told her daughter to stand at a distance to see what would happen. Her faith had expectations. But what would happen?

A Daughter's risk – The princess knew what her Father had decreed. But she took a risk and acted with compassion and courage. She was also unknowingly prophetic, naming the baby, Moses, because he was drawn out of the water. Years later, Moses would draw God's people out of the 'Red Sea' waters of judgement. Miriam, the older sister, took a risk and approached the princess, despite the huge social gulf between them. She was brave, clever and determined.

God is at work - What Pharaoh meant for harm, was now being worked for good (Gen 50v20). The Princess paid the mother to be wet nurse which ensures Moses is raised culturally as a Jew. When older, Moses was adopted into Pharaoh's household. Here he received the finest training the world had to offer. Ironically, he was being trained to overthrow Pharaoh, right under Pharaoh nose.

So what?

#1 The protagonists. The leading characters are all women. The church should have the clearest understanding and culture of men and women having equal value, dignity and worth. Men are to respect, honour and learn from the women around them.

#2 Evil will not triumph. The world in which we live is not spiritually neutral.

But evil will not ultimately triumph. No situation is too evil, or beyond God's redemptive purposes. He can and will bring salvation to His people.

#3 God is at work – our source of hope

This is a story of God working through God fearing women exercising faith and taking risks. We need to follow their example.

Questions:

1. Which women in your life have influenced your faith the most eg. Mother, Friend, Wife? How?
2. What was new for you in this passage?
3. Because of circumstances, do you need to exercise faith and cast out something good?
4. Where do you need to take a risk, show up and see what God will do?