

## Jochebed - Living for God's Glory

### 1. Jochebed was courageous.

"Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: 'Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live.' About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months." Exodus 1:22-2:2 (NLT)

**Note:** We learn the name of Moses' family members elsewhere in the Bible. "Amram and Jochebed became the parents of Aaron, Moses, and their sister, Miriam." Numbers 26:59 (NLT)

**Note:** Moses was a beautiful baby. "It was at this time that Moses was born, a very beautiful child. He was cared for at home for three months..." Acts 7:20 (GNT)

**Life Application:** God will give us the courage we need to do the hard things He calls us to do.

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

"I prayed to the LORD, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4 (NLT)

### 2. Jochebed put the needs of her son first.

"But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him." Exodus 2:3-6 (NLT)

**Life Application:** We need to think of others more importantly than ourselves.

"Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others." 1 Corinthians 10:24 (NIV)

"Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." Philippians 2:4 (NLT)

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way." 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT)

### 3. Jochebed trusted God to take care of Moses.

"'This must be one of the Hebrew children,' she said. Then the baby's sister approached the princess. 'Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?' she asked. 'Yes, do!' the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother. 'Take this baby and nurse him for me,' the princess told the baby's mother. 'I will pay you for your help.' So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, 'I lifted him out of the water.' Exodus 2:7-10 (NLT)

**Note:** God loves our children more than we do.

**Note:** God is always in control even when it seems like He's not. "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 (NLT)

**Life Application:** We need to trust God more.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

### 4. Jochebed passed on her faith to her children.

"It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command. It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin." Hebrews 11:23-25 (NLT)

“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

**Life Application:** We need to pass on our faith to our kids and grandchildren.

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about his power and his mighty wonders. For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.” Psalm 78:4-7 (NLT)

**5. Even though many of us have never heard of Jochebed, she helped shape history.**

“God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NLT)

**Life Application:** It is good to celebrate and honor our moms because they’ve helped shape us.

“Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: ‘There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!’” Proverbs 31:28-29 (NLT)

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**Connect Group questions**

1. What do you admire most about your mom?
2. Read Exodus 2:1-10. How do you think Jochebed felt putting baby Moses into that basket? How do you think she felt bringing Moses to Pharaoh’s daughter so she could raise him?
3. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What’s the hardest thing you’ve had to do recently? How did you know what to do?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 & Numbers 26:59. Why do you think God likes to use people who aren’t famous to carry out His will? Why do you think God chose Jochebed to be Moses’ mom?
5. Read Isaiah 41:10 & 13 & Psalm 34:4-6. What might God say to an anxious mom today?
6. Discuss the following quotations:

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” Abraham Lincoln

“A mother’s love endures through all.” Washington Irving

“the LORD says... ‘As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...’” Isaiah 66:12-13 (NIV)
7. Spend some time as a group praying for each other’s needs and for the needs of people around the world. Please use the following prayer list from Christianity Today as a guide.  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/covid-19-coronavirus-20-prayers-to-pray-during-pandemic.html>