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Mother's Day 2020: Courage & Uncertainty

Jochebed: Exodus 1&2

Exodus 2:2-4

- 2 When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.
- 3 But when she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch and then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.
- 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

I. Noble courage needs a proper motivation.

- A. You can have the right stances, but the wrong heart!
- B. Jesus taught us that the whole Law of God could be boiled down to, "Love God with all your heart mind soul and strength and love your neighbor like you love yourself."
- C. As Jesus followers we have to square our actions, words, and positions with a motive of love for God and love for our neighbor.

II. While her motives were clear, and her actions were courageous, Jochebed had no idea what she was doing.

- A. The word "basket" is translated in another scripture as "Ark."
- B. Jochebed did not know what would happen once the baby went in that basket, but she did know that he was in God's care.

III. Uncertainty and courage can co-exist when we recognize we are not the most important factor in the equation.

- A. God cares more than we do.
- B. God is more invested in this than you are.
- C. **When Jochebed placed Moses in that basket, things were out of her control, but they were not out of control.**
- D. God worked it out so that Moses' life was saved and his own mom got paid to care for him and nurse him FOR 2 YEARS!
- E. Moses means, "I drew him out."
- F. This whole thing was completely out of Jochebed's control, but thank God it was!

IV. How do we apply this?

- A. A great mother does all that she can do but still recognizes that she is not the most important factor, God is.
- B. In the end God is able to do what we were looking for but also so much more.