

THE IMPRINT OF A FAITHFUL MOTHER

LET'S MEET THE MOTHER OF MOSES

EXODUS 2:1–10



The Heart of the Matter

We all know Moses, the Law-giver, the leader of the exodus, the one who shepherded the Hebrew people for forty years in that vast wilderness of Sinai. But have you met his mother? In a forgotten ghetto of Goshen, Jochebed, along with her husband, preserved her son's life by acting in risky and creative faith. In a great twist of circumstances, Jochebed's plan landed her son in the top royal home of the nation. Jochebed was invited to raise Moses during the nurturing years of his life and was able to instill in him a love for God and His people. She then released him to Pharaoh's court in time to get the best education of the Egyptians, preparing him for the day when he would be the Hebrews' long-anticipated deliverer.



Discovering the Way

1. By Faith, Moses's Mother Was Resourceful and Visionary (Exodus 2:1–2)

Even from Moses's birth, Jochebed had godly insight that he was an exceptional child whom God intended to use for an exceptional purpose.

2. By Faith, Moses's Mother Launched a Plan to Save Her Infant's Life (Exodus 2:3–7)

As proof that God is in charge of the hearts of all individuals, Pharaoh's daughter was smitten with the baby Moses whom she found floating in the bushes—a plan carried forward by Miriam.

3. By Faith, Moses's Mother Raised Him as God's Appointed Deliverer (Exodus 2:8–10; Acts 7:21–22)

Jochebed had her son only for a short time, but it was a time of true spiritual significance.



Starting Your Journey

Four lingering lessons come from Jochebed's faith. First, it's possible to overestimate the impact of a godly environment. Second, it's tempting to underestimate the importance of parenting. Third, regardless of the odds, a faithful model is irreplaceable. Fourth, because of the pressures, an available mother is essential.

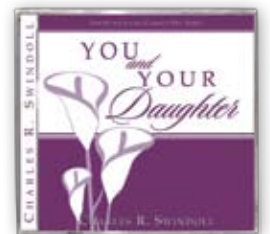


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