

## ***The Raising of Moses The Parents of Moses and his Family***

*“6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. 7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them. 8 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: 10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. 11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour. 15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiprah, and the name of the other Puah: 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. 22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.” (Exodus 1:6-22 KJV)*

We are aware that in Egypt the descendants of Jacob became slaves to Pharaoh after the death of Joseph's generation, and the devil was using Pharaoh to harm the descendants of Jacob, the families of the Israelites. Pharaoh and the Egyptians put more pressure and hard works on the fathers, and they killed the new born male babies of the mothers. Yet the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread. The Israelites stayed and multiplied in Egypt for more than two centuries till the time God remembered their cry for a deliverer and He sent Moses, a leader to lead them out of Egypt.

A Christian family driven by a purpose, led by courageous and Godly parents can make a great difference in the society and history of mankind. Their family life could be a challenge to the society, and would challenge the world to know Christ and to serve God. A Godly family could be productive and effective while they work together to achieve their purpose as God's chosen people to nurture disciples, and servants of the living God. Such family can with God's help, produce a leader who will be able to impact the Assembly of God's people. Surely, God would enable a determined family that serves and honors Him to stand boldly and face the world with the uncompromising message of salvation.

The story of how Moses was brought up and how he led the multitude of the Israelites out of Egypt is truly amazing event that show how one family, the chosen people of God, and His

church can greatly contribute and impact society. *“1 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. 5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the women took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.” (Exodus 2:1-10 KJV)*

In the midst of persecution that rose when Pharaoh, charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born they shall cast into the river, and every daughter they shall save alive, one family which was Moses' family strived to save the life of their baby child. They did their best to protect their child and to shelter him from the enemy because they had faith in God that the child could make a lot of difference in the future for the whole Israelite community. *“23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.” (Hebrews 11:23 KJV)* *“20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:” (Acts 7:20 KJV)* The whole family persevered and they did their best to protect the child. God saw their genuine concern to care for this gift of life and so He did a great miracle by providing the facility and care for the child to grow in Pharaoh's Palace. We can notice the following in what they did to save the life of their child:

**A. The family acted in faith:** They saw that he was a fine and a goodly child. They discerned that God would do something with their boy.

**B. The family acted courageously:** They were not afraid of the king's edict.

**C. The family cared tremendously:** They hid him for three months at home.

**D. The family acted wisely:** They got a papyrus basket, an ark of bulrushes, for him and coated it with tar and pitch to keep it safe in the water.

**E. The family acted creatively:** They put a cover over the basket to protect him from the crocodiles of the Nile River, even to the point that Pharaoh's daughter needed to open it to see the child.

**F. The family acted shrewdly:** The sister stood at a distance and then she said to the Pharaoh's daughter, *“Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?” (Exodus 2:7 KJV)*

**G. They acted humbly:** His mother accepted the payment from Pharaoh's daughter. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, *"Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."* (Exodus 2:9 KJV)

This family of Moses was living in God's will and acting in faith, and their fruit was Moses whom God used to deliver the people of God, the Israelites, the typical church, from the hand of Pharaoh. Moses became the princess' son but was nurtured by his family. He lived in the palace but was also trained by his parents. His own family though consisting only of a few members who lived for God and kept God's Word alive in their home had stood the test of persecution in spite of all pressures and trials in life and they remain even today as a challenge for parents of this generation, and even for us, who are determined to raise up children to serve God.

Reflect now on the message and apply it in your life. It might be true that you are passing through various kinds of trials in pertain to faith that you are persecuted and pressurized by many needs and necessities for this life, but you should not look on a negative way on what you are passing in your life. There are much good things that yet available in your hands and God wants you to turn to such and use all what you can to bring your best to God as the family of Moses did.

As individual members and as families, look now unto God and count all your blessings and the good things that are still available at your disposal and for your service and take actions to that through which you will achieve the will of God.

**A. Act in faith:** Thank God for all the good things that he had given to you. Moses was not a problem for his family but was God's blessing to them. Consider your children as blessings from God to you. As the parents of Moses saw their child was a goodly child, then see your children as good children that they can and they will do something good for God. Act in faith, trusting that God shall provide all good things for your child or for your children to be and to do something great for God.

**B. Act courageously:** Take away all your fears and doubts, we rebuke them all in the name of Jesus. Don't be afraid from man but fear God as the parents of Moses who did not fear the king of Egypt. Be strong and of good courage and start to do what God had inspired you to do for your children. As God is revealing His good plan for your children and the steps that you need to follow, then start to apply and follow the steps of God to accomplish your task and what God had entrusted you to do for them.

**C. Act tremendously:** You act to your maximum power and with all your might and as much as you can in order to accomplish what God had entrusted to you for your children, the same as the parents of Moses who kept him three months with them until they were no more able to keep him

**D. Act wisely:** Use your mind and see the weak points and the way out to avoid threats and dangers to come in into the life of your family and children. Find appropriate solutions for real threats and deal with them as God is showing you, the same as the parents of Moses put their child in a papyrus basket, an ark of bulrushes, and coated it with slime and pitch to keep it safe from the water.

**E. Act creatively:** Use your various resources to act creatively to provide a safe atmosphere for the family and your children to grow and got mature away from threats and dangers. Be a step ahead in your protective measures and do as the family of Moses did in providing a cover over the basket to protect the child from the crocodiles of the Nile River, even to the point that Pharaoh's daughter needed to open it to see him.

**F. Act shrewdly:** Know how to act and deal with your enemy, the devil and those who works with the devil, in order to provide the best care and to receive the best provision for your family and the children, like what the sister of Moses did in order to provide for her brother.

**G. Act humbly:** Always be humble and accept the help that comes from God putting in your mind that God may use even your enemy to bless you as the mother of Moses accepted the payment from Pharaoh's daughter to nurse Moses. Humility is a key for good stewardship because you need to preserve and keep your resources intact to meet the needs of your family and children.

**My Dear and Beloved:** The Word of God had given us a clear and real example for a family that had done marvelous works for God inspite of all the challenges, problems and circumstances that were around them. With such an example we are encouraged to go forward to do the task that had ordained for us to do in this life for our children.

Our family may be composed of only few members, but we can create a great impact as we walk faithfully with God and let His Word be the ruling authority in our home. Let us lead our family and children with confidence and make a great difference in the society and history of mankind. Let us be determined as Godly parents to nurture our children to become disciples of Jesus and Godly leaders of the next generation who will serve our God effectively and productively. Finally, our faithfulness to lead and care for our family and children would become a source of blessing to us and to the people around us. So let us be responsible and let us stand firm to do our part for God and to our families and children.

Let us pray ...

**My Prayer:** *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your encouraging Word and the teaching that motivated me to go to build up my family members and children to go on together and serve you. Lord thank you for all the members of my family who are doing their best to help me in the ministry.*

*Come now to God and confess your sins. Confess and renounce your lack of giving time to your family, to read the Bible with them, to pray with them and to train them. Confess and renounce your worldliness, your love for the world, your yoke and wasting time with non believers and friends, and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your love for money, and wasting your resources on things unnecessary. Confess and renounce your lack of faith and easily get discouraged. Confess and renounce your compromises and your non willingness to persevere and stand firm in front of challenges and persecution. Confess and renounce your delayed obedience, and doing your own will and plan. Confess and renounce your non willingness to serve God and doing the good works that*

*He prepared in advance for you to do. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins*

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*Lord I commit myself to care for all my family members and build them in the truth of your Word and train them to serve you. Lord I commit myself to show them love and care so they will grow and get mature and start to serve you. Lord I commit myself to work with you to make the life testimony of my family attract others to know you and start to follow you and to cause others to revive and to commit their lives to serve you.*

*Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives to build up their family members and invest in their children to train them to go on and serve you and be a good example to others to follow Christ. Lord I pray for more leaders that you will raise from those youths and children in order to serve you and lead others into your Kingdom.*

*Lord, bless us as your church and lead us to continue to train parents and families how to care for their children and raise them in the fear of God. Lord we commit ourselves to continue to teach and train our children and disciples to go on and serve you that they will be the future leaders who will make a difference in the world. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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