

Exodus: A Way of Escape

Exodus 1:8-12, 15-17; 2:1-3

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

"These are the names" – Hebrew title

Exodus / Exit

More than history – the story of salvation

- Crying out to God

Cruelty to children

"So God heard their groaning; and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (Exodus 2:24)

"To clasp hands in prayer in the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." --Karl Barth

- Waiting on God

Resilience before rescue

"But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel." (Exodus 1:12)

- Acting in Faith

"It was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of God, and he was nurtured three months in his father's home." (Acts 7:20)

"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict." (Hebrews 11:23)

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⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land." ¹¹So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹²But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

¹⁵Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah; ¹⁶and he said, "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a daughter of Levi. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could hide him no longer, she got him a wicker basket and covered it over with tar and pitch. Then she put the child into it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.