

## SERMON NOTES

### *“All Odds Stacked Against You”*

Sunday, May 10, 2020 – Online Sermon

*Text: Exodus 2:1-10*

#### INTRODUCTION

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What are mothers?

- Teachers
- Disciplinarians
- Cleaning Ladies
- Nurses and Doctors
- Psychologists and Counselors
- Chauffeurs and Coaches
- Developers of personalities
- Molders of vocabularies
- Shapers of attitudes

#### I. THE PLIGHT JOCHEBED SUSTAINED

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Moses **born** under a **death sentence**

Jochebed looked at the plight of her **little slave baby** who was supposed to die, but she saw a **treasure chest** in the midst of her terrible plight.

Someone once said, “Faith is idle when circumstances are right. Only when they are adverse is one’s faith in God exercised. Faith, like muscle, grows strong with exercise.”

**JOCHEBED EXERCISED THAT KIND OF FAITH IN HER TERRIBLE PLIGHT.**

## II. THE PROTECTION JOCHEBED SECURED

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□ Hebrews 11:23 – “**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.**”

□ Isaiah 43:2-3 – “When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.”

### PERFECT FAITH CASTS OUT FEARS

□ Jochebed must have constantly **called out** to her **Protector** as she **rocked** and cuddled that precious baby.

□ Jochebed had to **trust God** for protection over the **circumstances**.

□ **Jochebed knew the time had come!**

“You **can't keep** your child totally out of the waters of the **Nile**, **but you can keep the Nile** out of your **child.**”

□ Jochebed **prepared** a place of protection for him.

□ God rewarded Jochebed's faith by **arranging** for the child's **own mother** to raise him. She was called to **nurse** and **raise** the child with **pay** and under **royal protection**.

### III. THE POTENTIAL JOCHEBED SAW

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- When God wanted to raise up a **great leader**, He placed him in a home with **godly parents**.
- A faithful mother **envisions** every child as extraordinary with **godly potential**.
- The priorities you set for **your** life and your **children's** lives greatly determine **what direction** they take in life.

### IV. THE PRAISE JOCHEBED SOLICITED

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- Jochebed solicited **no praise** because it **wasn't important** to her.
- Jochebed is **nowhere** vividly **described** in the Bible.
- Jochebed gave her children **character, courage, and faith** in God.

“it is not **success** or **bigness** or **power**. It is not **glitz** or **glamour** that make you **valuable**, **IT IS FAITHFULNESS.**”

### V. THE PRODUCT JOCHEBED SEIZED

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#### A. AARON - OLDEST SON

#### B. MIRIAM

#### C. MOSES

Jochebed's children were what you and I ought to desire our children to be, **people who glorify God**.

## APPLICATION GUIDE

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

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- In one word, how would you describe your mom?
- Share a story about how your mom that you love to tell.
- Mom, share a childhood story about how your mom impacted your life.

#### **I. THE PLIGHT JOCHEBED SUSTAINED**

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Read Exodus 1:8-9, 22

- Why did the new king of Egypt want to kill the baby boys born to the Hebrew woman?
- What do you think motivated Jochebed to hide her little baby boy for three months?
- What do you think motivates your mom to care for you during difficult times?

#### **II. THE PROTECTION JOCHEBED SECURED**

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Read Hebrews 11:23

- How did Jochebed act in faith to protect her child?
- How difficult do you think it was for Jochebed to let go of the ark? (Ex 2:3)
- Why is it difficult for parents to give their children to the Lord?

- How did God reward Jochebed's faith?

### **III. THE POTENTIAL JOCHEBED SAW**

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- Why is it a powerful thing for parents to see potential in their kids?
- What's the greatest task of parents?
- What's so special about a mother's love for her children?

### **IV. THE PRAISE JOCHEBED SOLICITED**

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Read Proverbs 31:10-28

- What are some of the characteristics of a virtuous woman that stands out to you from the passage in Proverbs, and why?
- What does verse 28 say about the response of her children?
- Share one reason why you're blessed to have your mom?

### **V. THE PRODUCT JOCHEBED SEIZED**

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What do you know about each of Jochebed's three children?

A. AARON -

B. MIRIAM -

C. MOSES -

Why do you think all three had great trust and faith in God?

What can you do today to show your mom how much you appreciate her, regardless of how much she is like or unlike the virtuous woman?