

In God's economy there is always much Preparation time...before one is used to their potential...Why? because their impact reaches into eternity and therefore it is designed to last longer than their natural life here...it effects the future of others...every parent know this intuitively...their raising of the next generation impacts the generations after that also... **and every generation needs deliverance...For Every Generation lives under the threat of loss and destruction, evil and injustice...these are the driving fears of people and one of the most effective strategy's deployed against us by the enemy...and the threat can be real...which makes it most effective...Moses the deliverer used by God to free a nation under 400 plus years of slavery was born under the harshest edit a boy child could be borne into ...death at birth**

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It is often at the darkest times the glimmer of light begins to flicker...

- Today, we find God's hand at work preserving the life of one child who will become Israel's deliverer. *This is Moses story so that is his beginning...we know he's called by God ...but we don't see God hand move except providentially..which means under cover....behind the scenes... and that is the way it is most of the time when God works in a life...*
- **everyone God uses has a story that is surrounded by circumstances...this is Moses... know this before someone becomes a deliverer they themselves must be delivered...**

Exodus 2:1 About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ²The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months.

- **Exodus 6:20 tells us the names of Moses' parents: Amram and Jochebed. This was a slave man and woman whose life was extremely**

hard...and it would seem an unbearable anxiety knowing the child you were carrying would be killed immediately if it was a male.

- **These verses skip over the fact that His parents had two other children before Moses...His brother Aaron about three or so years older and Miriam at least 7 years earlier...**

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- **So the woman conceived and bore a son: This baby opened his eyes under a royal death sentence, under a superpower nation, to an alien, oppressed race**
- **Nevertheless, Moses had something special in his favor: he was the child of believing parents.**

Hebrews 11:23 describes the faith of Moses' parents:

HEB 11:23 ²³ It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.

- **Safety is not found in the absence of danger but in the providence of God.**
- **three month's perhaps the baby's gender could not be hidden anymore...or he could not be kept quiet...**

- **But apparently they did get afraid...**

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- **How much she operated out of fear or faith...we don't know...but we do know this there is only so much we can all do as parents ...and we need to rest in this...there is only so much we can all do...the rest is in God's hands..** When hiding him was no longer an option in her mind..she did what she could, made a waterproof boat and put him among the reeds ...keeping him safe from the Nile's strong current....
- she had to trust in God and wait on God... sometimes the wait in the natural turns out as we desire and sometimes it does not...sometimes the wait is short and sometimes the wait can be long.
- Younger parents do all you can...older parents wait on God! and relax in God! ...ultimately God is in control
- she actually obeyed the law...she put Moses in the Nile river!
- Miriam his older sister observed
- in the natural...Of all the people in Egypt, who you would least want to find that baby is a member of the Pharaoh's household.

*EX 2: 5 Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. 6 When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said. **God at work ...through seemingly coincidental things..***

- The princess bathing at just the right time...glanced and saw the basket at the right moment...
- The baby crying on cue ...**God touching her heart with compassion.... The Pharaoh could sit upon his throne and pass down edicts which**

caused untold sorrow, suffering, and death without ever being touched by the consequences of his decisions.

- Now, the Pharaoh's daughter came face to face with the implications of her father's policy of genocide. Looking into that basket, she saw a Hebrew baby—there was no mistaking its identity (v. 6). The child was crying, perhaps this was a pathetic sight, one that tugged at the compassion and maternal instincts of this woman.

*⁷ Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked.⁸ "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother.⁹ "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him *as her own son*. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."*

- Not only does Moses' mother get to still be with her child, now she gets *paid* for it. : When Moses was weaned, he was taken into the household of Pharaoh, where he became her son. She named the boy Moses,⁴³ a name rooted in the event of her finding him as a baby at which time she "drew him out" of the Nile.
- Being the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses was in the royal family.
- The ancient Jewish historian Josephus says Moses was heir to the throne of Egypt and that while a young man, Moses led the armies of Egypt in victorious battle against the Ethiopians.
- **Certainly, he was raised with both the science and learning of Egypt.** Acts 7:22 says, ²² *Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action..*
- **Egypt was the most academic and scientific society on the earth at that time.**
- **It is reasonable to think that Moses was instructed in geography, history, grammar, writing, literature, philosophy, and music.**

- Since he was of the royal family, we expect that as Moses went anywhere, he went in a princely chariot and his guards cried out "bow the knee!"
- **when he boated on the Nile, it was in a magnificent yacht, an entourage, security detail, musical accompaniment - he lived the royal life.**
- We also know that Moses' Hebrew mother had an influence on his life, so he was certainly raised in the Hebrew heritage of his mother.

EX 2: 11 Many years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews.

¹² After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand.

- Up until then, he was trained and groomed to become the next Pharaoh of Egypt, all the while aware of his true origins because of his mother.
- Did he not notice their hard labor before?? Maybe grown up means he began to have compassion on them....

Acts 7:23-25 shows us exactly where Moses' heart was:

AC 7: 23 "One day when Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his relatives, the people of Israel. ²⁴ He saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite. So Moses came to the man's defense and avenged him, killing the Egyptian.

²⁵ Moses assumed his fellow Israelites would realize that God had sent him to rescue them, but they didn't.

- **He killed the Egyptian:** He did very well in seeking to identify with the suffering of his brethren.
- But what began well quickly fell apart (or so it would seem). He failed badly in trying to deliver his brethren from Egyptian oppression, murdering the offender and thus resorting to violence and cruelty himself.
- Moses tried to make himself Israel's deliverer in a way that made sense to the way man thinks and plans....impulsive anger never produces good...

- **Moses** because of his accepted leadership among the Egyptians. Thought he would be automatically be accepted by the Israelites as their leader...

Ex 2: 13 The next day, when Moses went out to visit his people again, he saw two Hebrew men fighting. “Why are you beating up your friend?” Moses said to the one who had started the fight. 14 The man replied, “Who appointed you to be our prince and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?”

- **Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?**
- **The only problem was that God was going to deliver Israel and use Moses in a way that no man would ever dream of....supernaturally a magic cane... and plagues**

Moses had no idea of it at the time, but he was too big for God to use. Moses tried to do the Lord's work in man's wisdom and power. It wouldn't work. His best thinking of being their deliverer would have got him killed...a dead man delivers no one...God had to step in

EX 2:15 And sure enough, Pharaoh heard what had happened, and he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in the land of Midian.

- **After 40 years of seemingly perfect preparation, Moses had another 40 years of seemingly meaningless waiting to perfect God's preparation.**
- *you cannot be too small for God to use...but you can be too big...much preparation time is about making us small enough so we count on God not our own abilities...*
- *James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.*
- **Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh: sometimes deliverance feels like complete defeat! Moses, fleeing for his life, probably felt that God's plan for his life was completely defeated.**

- He probably believed that every chance he ever had to deliver his people was now over and there was nothing *he* could do. At this point, Moses was right where God wanted him.
- **Dwelt in the land of Midian:** If Moses went into the area of Canaan and Syria, he would have found no refuge - there was a treaty between Rameses II and the Hittite king to the effect that fugitives along the northern route to Syria would be arrested and extradited.
- So Moses went southeast instead, to **Midian...** In that day **Midian** described the area on both the west and east sides of the Reed Sea, land that today is both **Saudi Arabia** (on the east of the Reed Sea) and Egypt (on the **Sinai Peninsula**, on the west of the Reed Sea).
- For the next 40 years he would get to know the lay of the land...it will be useful....as this is where much of their traveling will take place...
- Years later Moses would understand something he did not at this time...
- **Moses could not deliver when he lived in the palaces of glory. He had to come down off the throne, away from the palace and into a humble place before he could deliver his people.**
- **You know what a humble place is? when you feel like the waiting on God seems meaningless**
- **you may be too big for God to use but you never too small**
- What Moses did effects every generation...Do you want to be used by God? trust Him in the setbacks...know your past counts toward your future.. expect rejection ...God preparing of you takes time...You your time well
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