

A Mother's Faith in the Fire When Life Gets Hard - Part 6

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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Introduction

Psalms 127:3 (ESV) Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

1. A Mother's Faith Faces Fear with Courage

Exodus 1:15–17 (ESV) Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, ...“When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.

Exodus 1:20–21 (ESV) So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Exodus 1:22 (ESV) Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

2. A Mother's Faith Acts Boldly

Exodus 2:1–2 (ESV) Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months.

Exodus 2:3–4 (ESV) When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him.

3. A Mother's Faith Trusts God

Exodus 2:5–6 (ESV) Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, ... She saw the basket among the reeds and ... she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child ... crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews' children.”

Exodus 2:7–8 (ESV) Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, “Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, “Go.” So the girl went and called the child's mother.

Exodus 2:9–10 (ESV) And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “Because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

A Mother's Faith in the Fire Study Guide

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Introduction

1. How have you seen faith grow during different seasons of motherhood or parenting?
2. What are some ways that recognizing children as a gift from God can change a parent's perspective? (Psalm 127:3)
3. How can trusting God rather than relying on our own understanding bring peace during challenging parenting moments? (Proverbs 3:5–6)
4. How can we find hope in knowing that God will complete the good work He began in our children? (Philippians 1:6)

1. A Mother's Faith Faces Fear with Courage

1. What motivates someone to choose faithfulness to God over fear of people? (Exodus 1:15–17)
2. What does this passage show us about the rewards of trusting and fearing God? (Exodus 1:20–21)
3. What does it mean for parents to face cultural pressure with courage? (Exodus 1:22)
4. In what area of parenting do you need to replace fear with courageous faith this week?

2. A Mother's Faith Acts Boldly

1. What do Jochebed's actions reveal about her priorities and values? (Exodus 2:1–2)
2. How can God provide wisdom and strategy even in overwhelming situations? (Exodus 2:3–4)
3. What's an area of your child's life where you need to act in faith rather than hold on in fear?

3. A Mother's Faith Trusts God

1. How can we trust that God is working in the hearts of others to fulfill His plan? (Exodus 2:5–6)
2. What does this moment teach us about God's ability to bring unexpected provision and restoration? (Exodus 2:7–8)
3. How can we trust God even when releasing our children into unfamiliar or ungodly environments? (Exodus 2:9–10)
4. What is one area where you need to surrender control and trust God more deeply?

Conclusion

1. In what ways can surrendering your children to God deepen your own faith?
2. How do Jochebed's choices inspire you to trust God more boldly in your parenting journey?
3. What are some specific ways you can pray persistently and faithfully for your children this week?