

Faith in Tension

EXODUS 2:1-10

LIVING
FAITHFULLY
IN A
FOREIGN
Land

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Background to the Book of Exodus

AUTHOR: Moses

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TITLE: "The Way Out," "Departure" or "Exit"

PURPOSE: To show God's sovereign hand in fulfilling His promises to His people

I. To be faithful to God, we must _____ with faith-filled obedience.

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. 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. vv. 1-4

II. To be faithful to God, we must _____ that God honors faith-filled actions.

Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." 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. 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." vv. 5-10

Trust God in the Tension

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6

Put your faith in _____ .

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Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 2:1-10. In what ways did Moses' mother obey God, and in what ways did she trust in God?

2. What is most remarkable to you about the faith of Moses' mother and sister?

3. Refer to the diagram at right. The inner circle represents our responsibility to obey God's Word. Outside that circle are things we must trust God for.



Does this diagram help you see more clearly what things you should do, and what things you should trust God for and wait on Him?

4. How would this diagram also help the kind of person who tends to take on responsibility that is not theirs to bear?

5. How does a Christian learn the kind of faith in God that understands He sees your circumstances and will act on your behalf?

6. What happens when we take matters into our own hands and run ahead of God, instead of obeying and then waiting on Him for the rest? When have you seen that happen in your own life?

7. Read 1 Peter 4:19. How does this verse speak to the idea of obeying God while trusting Him for things only He can do? How does Hebrews 11:6 also speak of what faith looks like?

8. How can the truth of the two verses above impact your current circumstances?

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FOREIGN Land

"The life of Moses presents a series of striking antitheses. He was the child of a slave, and the son of a queen. He was born in a hut, and lived in a palace. He inherited poverty, and enjoyed unlimited wealth. He was the leader of armies, and the keeper of flocks. He was the mightiest of warriors, and the meekest of men. He was educated in the court, and dwelt in the desert. He had the wisdom of Egypt, and the faith of a child. He was fitted for the city, and wandered in the wilderness. He was tempted with the pleasures of sin, and endured the hardships of virtue. He was backward in speech, and talked with God. He had the rod of a shepherd, and the power of the Infinite. He was a fugitive from Pharaoh, and an ambassador from heaven. He was the giver of the Law, and the forerunner of grace. He died alone on Mount Moab, and appeared with Christ in Judea. No man assisted at his funeral, yet God buried him."

I. M. HALDEMAN

"From Adam to Christ there is none greater than Moses. He is one of the few characters of Scripture whose course is sketched from his infancy to his death. The fierce light of criticism has been turned upon him for generations, but he is still the most commanding figure of the ancient world. In character, in faith, in the unique position assigned him as the mediator of the old covenant and in achievements, he stands first among the heroes of the Old Testament. All of God's early dealings with Israel were transacted through Moses. He was a prophet, priest, and king in one person, and so united all the great and important functions which later were distributed among a plurality of persons. The history of such an one is worthy of the strictest attention, and his remarkable life deserves the closest study."

A. W. PINK

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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KIDSCAMP + REACH Today, our KidsCamp registration goes live, and we're excited to have our first through fourth graders joining us for the best week of the summer! As you sign your kids up today, we ask that you consider this to be a REACH event, too! There are hundreds of kids in our own backyard who do not know yet that Jesus loves each of them, and by extending an invite to your neighborhood families, we can reach both kids and their parents with the good news of Jesus Christ! So, let's start REACHING! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/kidscamp to find registration.

2025 MUSICAL INTEREST MEETING This meeting is for anyone interested in getting involved in the upcoming musical—whether you want to join the cast, assist with the crew, or contribute in other ways. We'll share details on auditions, rehearsals, crew roles, and more. Come meet the team, ask questions and learn how you can be part of this incredible REACH event! Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/musicalinterest.

MENTORING MINGLE Did the MAKE series stir something in your heart, prompting a desire to mentor a younger woman, but you're not quite sure where to begin? You're not alone in feeling this way! Many of us are sensing a calling to invest in the next generation of women, and we want to come alongside you to help you take that important next step. Join us on Sunday, March 9 from 10:30 A.M. to 11 A.M. in the Garden Room for our mentoring mingle! Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/mingle.

HOPE MINISTRY Hope Ministry provides a supportive community for women who have experienced the loss of a spouse. It offers a safe space for healing, encouragement and spiritual growth through fellowship, prayer and shared experiences. Our ministry is dedicated to helping widows navigate the challenges of grief while fostering lasting connections and providing practical, emotional and spiritual support. Learn more details at www.ccbcfamily.org/widows.

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