

# Part 2: A Savior Is Born, Exodus 2:11-25

## **SERMON SERIES: EXODUS - FINDING FREEDOM** **[A Savior Is Born Exodus 1:15-2:10](#)**

**Devotion Emphasis: Trust**

**MONDAY – Not Knowing God’s Plan, God’s People Trust God**

**Exodus 1:1-6 12 15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16 “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” 17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. 18 Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?” 19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” 20 So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. 22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”**

The road of life can often be thick with fog. There are far too many paths offered to us and we are often blind to see where they lead. Following God takes faith and trust. Most of the time we can't be completely sure where God is leading but we can always be sure that trusting in God never yields inappropriate results. When the king of Egypt ordered the Hebrew midwives to murder all newborn Hebrew boys they had two choices. They could prioritize the wishes of the Pharaoh and murder innocent babies, or they could honor God and disobey Pharaoh possibly endangering their own lives. The midwives chose to trust in God even when they were unable to see God's larger plan. All of us will be forced to make the choice to honor God by trusting Him or to place our trust elsewhere.

**Discipleship Challenge:** While we often cannot fully know exactly where God is leading us in life, we can know how He wants us to respond to all situations placed before us by follow God's word. What area of your life have you not fully submitted to God? Maybe there is a relationship you need to make right or break off. Perhaps you have been afraid to let go of a sin issue. Do you need to prioritize the Lord in how you spend your money? Whatever it is, trust God's word and make a commitment to submit one new area of your life to Him.

## **TUESDAY – At The Right Time, God's Plan Is Birthed**

**Exodus 2:1-10** Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. 5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. 6 She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. 7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" 8 "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 10 When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

Have you ever been completely lost in life? If you know what it's like to lose your sense of direction in the woods, you are familiar with the sense of panic, horror, and anxiety being lost brings! When you are fortunate enough to find a familiar landmark that shows you the way out the stress and tension immediately begin to leave-. How glorious is the feeling of knowing where to go and how to get there? How much more amazing is it when you feel lost in life and God reveals the work He has been doing behind the scenes? We all have a problem with patience and often expect God to work on our time. God's hand cannot be forced by our desires and His timetable is always better than our own. We can be sure we are spiritually maturing when we are able to trust God to reveal His plan in the right time.

**Worship Challenge:** How do you respond to God when you are unable to see His plan and feel lost? Think of a situation you currently feel lost in. Maybe you have been waiting for God to reveal His plan for quite a while. Spend some time in prayer and worship, praising God for who He is and the plan you can't see today.

## **WEDNESDAY – Trust In God Above Yourself**

**Proverbs 3:5-8 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.**

Who is actually trustworthy in this world? Politicians lie to get votes, employers make empty promises to manipulate us into working harder for less, friends fail us, families break up, relationships end, and the list could go on and on! We have been conditioned to have a lack of trust in those around us and in turn have been taught only to rely on ourselves. How does this impact our relationship with God? When we have been taught so few people are trustworthy, we often fall into believing God may not be trustworthy. The greatest relief in life comes when we release ourselves to the care of Jesus and force ourselves to believe that He is trustworthy where people fail, He is wise while we are foolish, and He continually heals our bruises and refreshes our souls.

**Discipleship Challenge: It's easy to say you trust God but how does your life proof your trust? Make a mental or physical list of areas you easily trust God with and areas you have a hard time trusting Him with. Spend time in prayer asking Him to help you give Him trust over the areas that are hard to let go and make a simple commitment to intentionally release those areas to Him.**

## **THURSDAY – Fear The Lord**

**Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.**

What does it mean to fear the Lord and why should we fear Him? If God is a God of love, should we really fear Him? The answer is, absolutely! While God loves us more than we could imagine and has made us His sons, daughters, and friends, He is also the Lord of the entire universe! How we relate to God should be different than how we relate to anyone else. Our relationship with God is unique because it must rightfully be one of worship. He alone is worthy of our worship and praise. It is our respectful fear of God's position as King of the Universe that allows us to appropriately worship Him. When we have an appropriate understanding of who God is, it becomes much easier to view all of life's circumstances rightly and to respond to them as the King would expect us to.

**Worship Challenge: Wisdom comes from understanding who God is and living a life of worship in response to who He is. Is your view of God lined up with who He truly is? What areas in your thoughts and life are distorting the identity of God? Spend time in prayer today asking God to forgive you**

**for the areas you have thought wrongly of Him and to help you think rightly in all areas about Him.**

### **FRIDAY – A Time For Everything**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.**

In our minds, life would be better if we could spend all of our time in peace on a tropical island without every experiencing difficulty. Unfortunately we live in a fallen world due to sin which has corrupted that fantasy. The Lord is kind to bless us with times of peace and fun but He is also kind to bless us with time periods of intense difficulty that build our faith and reliance on Him. There is truly a time for all things! We cannot control or stop the coming good or bad times in our lives but we can choose an attitude of thankfulness and joy in all the times God allows us to experience.

**Evangelism Challenge: This week we have focused immensely on trusting, knowing, and relying on God above ourselves but what good is our own knowledge if we don't put it into action and share it with others? Be intentional today and this weekend about encouraging someone to trust in God who needs Him! Invite them to church and give them words of encouragement about the things you have learned this week.**

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