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Exodus 1:8-11 - Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who didn't know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens.

v. 13 - The Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

v. 12 - The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.

v. 15-16 - Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; and he said, "When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it's a son, then you shall kill him; but if it's a daughter, then she shall live."

Psalms 46 - *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.*

1. God sends help from unexpected places.

v. 17 - But the midwives (Shiphrah and Puah) feared God, and didn't do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.

Studdert Kenendy: *The first prayer I want my son to learn to pray for me is not "God, keep daddy safe," but "God make daddy brave. And if he has hard things to do make him strong to do them." Son, life and death don't matter; but right and*

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wrong do. Daddy dead is daddy still, but daddy dishonored before God is something too awful for words. I suppose you'd like to put in a bit about safety and mother would like that I'm sure. Well, put it in afterwards, for it really doesn't matter nearly as much as doing what is right.

Psalm 139:13-16 - You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I'm fearfully and wonderfully made... You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

v. 18 - So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?”

v. 19 - The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women aren't like the Egyptian women; for they're lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.”

v. 20 - Therefore God dealt well with the midwives.

v. 22 - So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”

- **Moses' mother, Jocebed;**
- **Moses' sister, Miriam; and,**
- **Pharaoh's daughter**

v. 2:1-2 - And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.

v. 3 - When she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.

v. 4-6 - And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get

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it. And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, “*This is one of the Hebrews’ children.*”

v. 7-9a - Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?” And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the maiden went and called the child’s mother. Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I’ll give you your wages.”

v. 9-10 - So the woman took the child and nursed him. And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.”

Jesus: “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you, do good, be merciful and give.*”

v. 11 - One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people.

v. 12 - Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

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2. God sends help in unexpected ways.

v. 13-15 - The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, “Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?” 14 The man said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid and thought, “What I did must have become known.” 15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian.

“When God wants to make an oak tree, He takes a hundred years. When He wants to make a squash He requires only two months.”

v. 15-17 - Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well. 16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father’s flock. 17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

v. 18 - When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, “Why have you returned so early today?”

v. 19-22 - They answered, “An Egyptian (Moses looked like an Egyptian to them) rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.” 20 “And where is he?” Reuel asked his daughters. “Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat.” 21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his

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daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, “I’ve become a foreigner in a foreign land.”

v. 23 - During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God.

3. God sends help when we pray.

v. 24 - God heard their groaning and He remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and acknowledged them.

Daniel 9:21-23 - While I was praying, Gabriel, whom I'd seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me about the time of the evening sacrifice. He explained to me, “Daniel, I’ve come here to give you insight and understanding. The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I’m here to tell you what it was, for you’re very precious to God.”

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiprah and the name of the other Puah; ¹⁶ and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it’s a son, then you shall kill him; but if it’s a daughter, then she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and didn’t do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women aren’t like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.” ²⁰ Therefore God dealt well with the midwives. ²¹ And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them. ²² So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”

2:1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. ² So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river’s bank. ⁴ And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. ⁶ And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?” ⁸ And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the maiden went and called *the child’s mother*. ⁹ Then Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I’ll give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.”

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