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A Model Mother
Exodus 2:1-11
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The role of a mother has an immeasurable impact on the lives of many. We thank mothers for their labor, prayers, sacrifice, and holding us in our highest possibility. Mothers help us heal the broken heart. We celebrate mothers today because mothers believe in us. You have set high standards and motivated us to excel. Mothers have nurtured the greatness within us. Mothers are the fuel that keeps our engines running when we want to give up. Mothers can give us all the love we need and all the love we want. Just trying to put some respect on in.

We want to give special consideration to the single mothers both past and present. Single mothers keep on pushing and pressing and playing roles they were not intended to play. Single mothers are appreciated.

Godly mothers mirror the attributes of the Lord as described in the text Exodus 2:1-11. Her name was Jochebed and she was

1. A Model Mother Who Provided Protection.

She did it under adverse conditions because the children of Israel were in bondage at the hands of the Egyptians. First, there was a king who rose to power who was unaware of what Joseph had done to advance Egypt's kingdom.

Then the Israelites began to multiply and increase making the king afraid. The midwives were told to kill all male children born but they refused. Then they were told to throw all first-born boys into the Nile River. They didn't do that either.

Jochebed risked her own life in order for her child Moses to be born and protected. She was not selfish rather she was selfless. She made every effort to make sure Moses was protected. While she was not able to do everything but everything she could do she did.

The Lord protected us when we rebelled, when we went astray and tried everything we were big and bad enough to do. At times, the Lord had to protect us from ourselves.

2. A Model Mother That Took Preparation Seriously.

When she could no longer protect Moses, she prepared for him to develop beyond herself. She put a plan together and then prepared to put the plan in action. Part of her preparation was to get her oldest daughter to watch out for Moses. She prepared by strengthening her faith and spending time praying.

When preparation meets with planning and faith, it will get the attention of God. The Lord rewards Jochebed's preparation by sending Moses down the Nile River

being watched by his sister. The Kings daughter found Moses and claimed him as her. She paid Jochebed to nurse Moses who was in reality Moses' mother. That was nothing but God.

3. A Model Mother Who Could See Possibilities.

She saw the possibilities of what Moses could become. She saw that he was beautiful. This was not just physical beauty but a sign of what he could be.

As a baby, Jochebed didn't see Moses standing before a burning bush or parting the Red Sea, she didn't see the details but she knew the potential and the possibilities.

Mothers see the possibilities in us when we could not see the possibilities for ourselves. Even when the world looks down on us, I'm grateful for a God who sees possibilities. When the world sees trash, God sees a masterpiece. When the world sees someone who is worthless, the Lord sees us a priceless. The world sees our failures but the Lord sees our future successes. The world sees us going nowhere but the Lord sees our possibilities.

God sees the best in me when everybody else saw the worst in me. I thank God for model mothers!!!