

Thoughts on Being a Mother

Exodus 2:1-10

¹Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman,
²and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket 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. ⁴His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. ⁶She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷Then 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. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹Pharaoh'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. ¹⁰When 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."

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1. A MOTHER'S INSTINCT IS TO TAKE CARE OF HER CHILDREN.

v. 2 "...When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months."

A mother is God's deputy on earth.

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- A mother's instinct is to be proud.
- A mother's instinct is to protect.
- A mother's instinct is to provide.

2. A MOTHER UNDERSTANDS SACRIFICE.

vv. 3-4 "But when she could hide him no longer...she placed the child in it (the basket) and put it among the reeds..."

John 15:13 (NIV)

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

- Sacrifice requires us to give up.
- Sacrifice forces us to look up.
- Sacrifice demands us to keep up.

3. A MOTHER'S OBEDIENCE HAS ITS REWARDS.

v. 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."

- God always has our best in mind.
- Obedience always has a price.
- God's way is always better than ours.

Being a mother is sometimes a thankless job, but we can all learn from the virtues of a mother who understands her role.