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## Hope-FULL

### A Mother's Hope

Exodus 2:1–10 (HCSB)

*Now a man from the family of Levi married a Levite woman.*

*<sup>2</sup> The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son; when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.*

*<sup>3</sup> But when she could no longer hide him, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with asphalt and pitch. She placed the child in it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> Then his sister stood at a distance in order to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup> Pharaoh's daughter went down to bathe at the Nile while her servant girls walked along the riverbank. Seeing the basket among the reeds, she sent her slave girl to get it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child - a little boy, crying. She felt sorry for him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew boys." <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Should I go and call a woman from the Hebrews to nurse the boy for you?" <sup>8</sup> "Go," Pharaoh's daughter told her. So the girl went and called the boy's mother. <sup>9</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay your wages." So the woman took the boy and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> 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."*

### 1. A GOOD MOM CHOOSES HOPE TO PROTECT HER CHILDREN.

*v 2 The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son; when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.*

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

### 2. SOMETIMES A MOM HAS TO GIVE UP HER CHILD, BUT SHE NEVER GIVES UP HOPE.

*vv 3-4 But when she could no longer hide him, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with asphalt and pitch. She placed the child in it and set it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile. Then his sister stood at a distance in order to see what would happen to him.*

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

### 3. BY GIVING UP HER CHILD, THIS MOM GAINED HER CHILD.

*v 9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay your wages." So the woman took the boy and nursed him.*

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

**Share the hope we have in the gospel with a clear gospel presentation.**

#### **The Next Step:**

Never allow circumstances to rob you of your hope in God's plan.