

A Mother's Faith

Exodus 2

TAG Team Lesson

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Few of us can brag about how bravely we have responded in times of crisis. On the other hand, we have acted rashly many times and must ask for forgiveness. Faith is not just a comfortable intellectual exercise. Often it demands bold, courageous action. But we must learn to distinguish faith-inspired action and human-inspired brashness.

In what circumstances do you feel you are called to take courageous stand? When are you tempted to act precipitously? How do you need to talk to God about our fear of ungodly influences? About hasty words or deeds that have hurt others and yourself?

This chapter contrasts a privileged kid's brashness with a woman's courageous faith in action. God's plan to deliver Israel did not follow a straight line. It followed some serious detours, including both heroism and blunders.

Read Exodus 2.

1. How did God plan for the infant Moses to survive Pharaoh's murderous edict (vv. 1-10)?

2. What did Moses' survival cost his mother and his sister?

3. Why do you think Pharaoh's daughter defied her father's order?

4. What has been the most costly thing you have had to do for God?

5. Why did Moses flee to Midian (vv. 11-15)?

6. What motivated him to kill the Egyptian and to settle a fight between two Hebrews?

7. Who did Moses challenge next and why (vv. 16-22)?

8. How do you react to provocations, injustice or being treated unfairly? Why?

9. If you had to describe your personality in two or three words, how would you compare it to Moses?

10. How did the Israelites' condition affect God, and why (vv. 24-25)?

11. God hears the cries of his people today. What difference does that make when you are confronted by circumstances you are powerless to change?

Reflect on Moses' mother and what it cost her to give up her baby. Where in your life do you need the faith of his mother? Think about Moses the killer. Do you need to deal with your temper, anger or abuse of others?