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### INTRODUCTION

Every year on the second Sunday in May, we pause to honor the women who have shaped our lives, fueled our faith, and birthed our dreams. This is more than a cultural tradition; it is a holy act. Scripture commands us to honor our mothers and fathers so that our future will be blessed (Exodus 20:12). We honor them because a mother's impact is so profound, the only real comparison is God's own compassion. As Isaiah 66:13 says, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." In their care and sacrifice, we see God's love in action.

This is especially true for mothers who navigate systems of injustice. To be a mother in a world that can be hostile to your flourishing requires a unique spiritual resilience. They do more than survive; they find a way to thrive in the midst of chaos, turning adversity into opportunity and opposition into possibility. As we reflect on the strength and legacy of our mothers, we look to a story in Exodus where, in a time of terror and despair, godly women defied an empire to save a child destined to be a liberator.

### KEY POINTS

#### **1. Godly Mothers Make Courageous Choices in Difficult Times**

The book of Exodus opens with the people of Israel living under a brutal regime. Pharaoh, fearing their growing numbers, enacts policies to oppress them, culminating in a decree to kill every newborn Hebrew boy. It was into this culture of death that Moses was born. His mother, Jochebed, faced an impossible choice: obey the law of the land or obey the law of love. She chose courage. For three months, she hid her son, defying a king and risking her own life. When she could no longer hide him, she did not surrender to despair. Her decision to place him in a basket on the Nile was not an act of abandonment but a courageous act of faith in the face of overwhelming odds.

Motherhood often unfolds in difficult circumstances. Many mothers today navigate their own "Egypt", systems that work against them. They face economic injustice, a healthcare system that dismisses their pain, and the constant fear for their children's safety in a world plagued by violence and prejudice. Like Jochebed, these mothers make courageous choices every day. They work multiple jobs, create safe spaces, and advocate for their children against systemic opposition. We are called to stand with them, to dismantle these oppressive systems, and to honor the daily acts of courage that allow our children and communities to have a future.

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### **2. Godly Mothers See the Divine Potential in Their Children**

The text says Jochebed saw that Moses was a “fine” or “beautiful” child. The Hebrew suggests more than physical appearance; it points to a divine presence, a sense of destiny. She saw God’s hand on her baby before he ever answered God’s call. Later, when Pharaoh’s daughter finds the crying baby, she too sees something special. She recognizes he is a Hebrew child who should be feared or discarded according to her father's decree, yet she chooses compassion. Both mothers saw a value in Moses that transcended his circumstances. They saw his God-given worth, not as a threat to be eliminated, but as a life to be protected.

Our world often assigns value based on performance, production, or social standing. It is an act of spiritual resistance to see people as God sees them: fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). Godly mothers often model this unconditional love, seeing potential when the world sees a problem. We are called to do the same. In our families, churches, and communities, we must look past external labels and see the divine spark in one another. Who is society tempted to write off? How can we be the ones who see their potential, affirm their value, and declare that they are a child of God with a sacred purpose?

### **3. Godly Mothers Act in Faith to Protect Their Children**

Because Jochebed saw something special in Moses, she was moved to protect him. She crafted a papyrus basket, making it an ark of salvation. This was not just a clever idea; it was an act of profound faith. She was a Levite, a woman raised on the stories of God’s saving acts, like the ark that carried Noah through the flood. In her mind, she was building an ark for her son, entrusting him not to the river, but to the hands of God. Hebrews 11:23 confirms this, stating that his parents acted by faith, refusing to be afraid of the king’s decree. Faith is the opposite of fear. Jochebed refused to let the enemy’s plan for her child be the final word.

Mothers have a sacred ability to see dangers ahead and protect their children from what they cannot see. They build "arks" of protection through prayer, wisdom, sacrifice, and advocacy. Today, our children face different kinds of floods: peer pressure, systemic racism, mental health crises, and violence. We are all called to build arks. This might mean fighting for better schools, creating mentoring programs, advocating for just laws, or simply being a steady, loving presence that shields a young person from the world’s harshness. A godly mother’s protection is a model for the church’s mission: to be a refuge for the vulnerable and a shield against the forces that seek to destroy.

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### **4. Godly Mothers Position Their Children for Divine Deliverance**

The irony of this story is breathtaking. The same river that was supposed to be Moses's grave became the vessel of his deliverance. Jochebed's act of faith placed her son directly in the path of the one person who could save him: Pharaoh's daughter. The story gets even better. Not only is Moses saved, but his own mother is hired to nurse him. The enemy's plan was not only thwarted; it was used to bless and restore what was meant to be lost. Moses was delivered from the very place he was intended to die because his mothers put him in a position to be saved.

We all know the ways our systems can be set up for us to fail. Yet this story shouts a powerful truth: the very thing designed to bury you can become the place from which God blesses you. The same systems of oppression can become the stage for God's miraculous deliverance. This is not a call for passivity but a call to defiant hope. Like Jochebed, we must act in faith, doing everything we can to give our children a chance to make it. We must trust that as we do our part, God will do the impossible. For anyone in the "Nile" of your own life, know that you are not going to die here. God can turn your place of struggle into a story of salvation.

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### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. This sermon highlights two mothers, one biological and one adoptive. Who have been the "godly mothers" in your life who made courageous choices on your behalf, and what are some practical ways you can honor their legacy this week?
2. Jochebed saw a divine purpose in Moses when the world saw a threat. In what areas of your life or community can you actively work to resist negative labels and instead affirm the God-given potential in others, particularly those who are marginalized?
3. Moses was saved in the very river meant to destroy him. How can this story of defiant hope empower you to trust God for deliverance in the face of systemic injustice or personal struggle in your own life?

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