

## JOCHEBED – COURAGEOUS FAITH

Jochebed the mother of Moses, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

The name Jochebed means *The Lord Is G*\_\_\_\_\_.

*8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”*

*11 So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites 13 and worked them ruthlessly. 14 They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly. Exodus 1:8-14 NIV*

*At the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ years, to the very day, all the Lord’s divisions left Egypt. Exodus 12:41 NIV*

*15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16 “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” Exodus 1:15-16 NIV*

### FAITH IS FOLLOWING E\_\_\_\_\_

Who showed courage to you?

*17 The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. 18 Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”*

*19 The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.” Exodus 1:17-19 NIV*

- When is it ok to t\_\_\_\_\_ a l\_\_\_\_\_?

*So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. Exodus 1:20-21 NIV*

True or False: Lying, under the direction of God, is a very rare situation and probably will not happen often in our lifetimes.

### FAITH IS TRYING THE I\_\_\_\_\_

*Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.” Exodus 1:22 NIV*

*Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.*  
Exodus 2:1-2 NIV

How do you think she kept the baby quiet for that long?

### **FAITH IS TRUSTING THE I\_\_\_\_\_**

*But 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.* Exodus 2:3 NIV

### **FAITH IS DOING THE A\_\_\_\_\_**

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

"Felt sorry" - The verb is strong; it means "to have c\_\_\_\_\_, to pity, to s\_\_\_\_\_."

*7 Then 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. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. 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. 10 When 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." Exodus 2:5-10 NIV*

While Jochebed did play a motherly role to Moses, think about what she had to sacrifice.

- Jochebed was not able to b\_\_\_\_ the mother to Moses I am sure she wanted to.
- S\_\_\_\_\_ never considered the boy her "son" even though he was.
- At a certain age, she had to let him go into the care of Pharaoh's daughter.
- Jochebed was not allowed to n\_\_\_\_\_ her son.

What purpose of God was at work here?

Faith and courage are opposite sides of the s\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

*Above all, (put on) the shield of faith, (by which you) shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.* Ephesians 6:16,

*By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.* Hebrews 11:23 NIV

What are some areas of your life you need to stop holding on to and start t\_\_\_\_\_ God?

Are there times you refused to follow the Lord unless He did things a c\_\_\_\_\_ way.