

TEXT- Hebrews 11:22 *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment*

INTRO- By faith Moses, when he was born - That is, by the faith of his parents, Amram and Jochebed. His parents were led to preserve his life by their confidence in God. They believed that he was destined to some great purpose, and that he would be spared.

Again and Again we read in Hebrews 11 “By faith” “By faith”

Was hid three months of his parents - By his parents. Three months of terror! Moses was concealed in the hope that some way might be found out by which his life might be spared.

- **Because they saw he was a proper child** - A fair, or beautiful child
- **And they were not afraid of the king's commandment** - Requiring that all male children should be given up to be thrown into the Nile. The faith of the parents of Moses, appears:

(1) Because **the command of Pharaoh to destroy all the male children** was clear, but they had so much confidence in God they disregarded it.

Exo 1:22 *And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.*

(2) Because **there was a strong improbability that their child could be saved.**

They found it impossible to conceal him longer than three months

(3) Because they believed that their child was destined to some great work.

The Faith of Amram and Jochebed

Num 26:58-59 *These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram. 59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.*

I. They Established a Godly Home

A. They recognized their responsibility to train their children

Pro 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

Eph 6:4 *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

B. They made God first place in their home

Mat 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

C. They saw what Moses could become

Acts 7:20-29 *In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: 21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. 22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. 23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: 25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. 26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? 27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday? 29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.*

MOSES is by not the only child mentioned in Scripture destined to a great task. Isaac, Samuel, and John the Baptist, are all included.

D. They understood the covenant promise

Moses would later be given what became known as the **Law of Moses**

II. They Had Courage in the Midst of Danger

A. They were in bondage to a wicked tyrant

They had become slaves to an onerous pharaoh

1 Pe 3:14 *But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

... they were not afraid of the king's commandment

Dan 3:16-18 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.*

B. They risked their lives for their son

... they were not afraid of the king's commandment

Exo 2:1-4 *And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.*

Psa 75:7 *But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*

2 Co 4:7 *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

C. God did what they could not do

It was the tear of a babe that caught the hart of Pharaoh's daughter.

Exo 2:5-10 *And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.*

Jochebed was resting the floating ark in the hollow of God's hand when she left it among the reeds of the Nile. She believed that he would protect the child, although she couldn't any longer. And the rescue of Moses, and his adoption by Pharaoh's daughter, were the reward given to his parents' faith.

Pro 3:6 *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

CONCL – Moses in his life would see God do the impossible many times.

Exo 3:7-9 *And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.*