

## Showdown in Egypt Part 2 *The Birth of a Deliverer*

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### *Speaking Notes # 1*

#### **Exodus 2:1-10**

1 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. 3 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. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

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. 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." NIV

#### **Introduction**

##### **I. Famous Birth Stories**

- A. How many were born in Delaware? Another State? A different country? What month?
- B. What month are most people born in America?

**"The CDC tracks birth data nationwide, and July through October are the busiest birth months, with August typically having the highest number of births."**

August birthday means December conception. **Cold weather, snow, romantic fires and holiday parties seems to create just the right equation for the beginning of human mating season.**

CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

II. Moses' birth story is filled with principles.

#### **Body of Message**

##### **I. Sometimes You Get Something Different Than What You Pray For**

### Exodus 1:15-16

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.**” NIV

### Exodus 1:22

22 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.”** NIV

### Matthew 2:16

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, **he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem** and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. NIV

### Deuteronomy 18:15

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you **a prophet like me** from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. NIV

### Ex. 6:20

20 **Amram** married his father’s sister **Jochebed**, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years. NIV

Painting babies room pink, buying dresses, names little Marsha instead of Moses.

#### A. Lessons:

1. **What God gave them was better than what they wanted.**
2. You can have what is good or you can have what is best.
3. Unanswered prayers are sometimes a sign of how much God loves us.
4. Often our prayers center on our comfort instead of the larger purposes of the Lord.
  - a) **They are micro instead of macro - micro about me, macro about the bigger picture. Our prayers are often about us instead of God’s bigger purpose.**

**Micro prayers = about me**

**Macro prayers = about God’s divine purpose**

### Ro. 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, **who have been called according to his purpose.** NIV

B. Additional scriptures

**1 John 5:14**

14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: **that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.** NIV

**Effective prayer is aligning ourselves with God's will not trying to align God with our will.**

Putting in password and site doesn't open.

**Matt 6:10**

10 your kingdom come, **your will be done, on earth** as it is in heaven. NIV

C. Illustrations

1. Jersey Mikes - always got the sub order wrong.
2. Justin Tucker lining up his body with the field goal.

D. **We pray for what makes us comfortable.** (It would be more comfortable to have a girl).

E. Quotes

**“Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be the miracle.”** Philip Brooks

**“I am Thy servant to do Thy will, and that will is sweeter to me than position or riches or fame, and I choose it above all things on Earth or in Heaven.”**

— A.W. Tozer

F. Diligent prayer still required

1. Elijah praying for it to rain. **1 Kings 18:41-19:8, James 5:17-19.**
2. Widow and the unjust judge. **Luke 18:1-8.**

## **II. Sometimes What God Gives Us is Better than What we Wanted Him To Give Us.**

A. We often need discernment to see the big blessing in the different answer to our prayer

### Exodus 2:2

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. NIV

### Acts 7:20

20 “At that time Moses was born, **and he was no ordinary child**. For three months he was cared for by his family. NIV

### Hebrews 11:23

23 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. NIV

**She discerned and she saw that this child was unique and special.**

It was said that Michael Angelo could see a block of marble and see an angel inside.

**Ben Hooper - Fred Craddock**

I believe it a spoken word can unlock the God given potential in us.

**Mahomes has not always been universally adored, however. After being drafted in 2017, a writer from the USA Today gave the Chiefs a C- grade for selecting Mahomes. The writer proclaimed:**

**Calling Mahomes a project is a major understatement. He’s nowhere near ready to play in the NFL. And, honestly, he may never be. Between his inconsistent accuracy due to poor mechanics, his tendency to bail from clean pockets and his lack of field vision, he’s going to leave as many big plays on the field as he creates. This was a risky pick.**

### John 1:42

42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). NIV

### Matthew 16:17-20

17 Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.** 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on

earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. NIV

- a) **When God speaks a word over us it is not about what we are but about what we will become.**
- b) **Lighting the fuse of bottle rockets.**
- c) **Ezekiel and the dry bones, Ex. 37.**

### III. You have to let things go for God to really work through them.

#### Exodus 2:3

3 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. NIV

David Green and \$3 billion dollar business Hobby Lobby - the secret is the business belongs to the Lord.

22,000 employees / over 700 stores opens 50 new stores a year

\$3 billion (now \$4.6 billion) worth of crafts products from him this year.

**"If you have anything or if I have anything, it's because it's been given to us by our Creator," says Green, sweeping his hand over the acres laid out before him. "So I have learned to say, 'Look, this is yours, God. It's all yours. I'm going to give it to you.' "**

Don't micro manage your grown kids.

A pack of seeds

Feeding of the 5000 story

#### John 6:7-11

7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, **9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"**

10 Jesus said, “**Have the people sit down.**” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). **11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.** NIV

### **John 6:12-13**

12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “**Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.**” 13 So **they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.** NIV

### **1 Samuel 1:21-28**

21 When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfill his vow, 22 Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the Lord, and he will live there always.”

23 “Do what seems best to you,” her husband Elkanah told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the Lord make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

24 After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. 25 When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, 26 and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the Lord. 27 I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. **28 So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.**” And he worshiped the Lord there.

### **2 Cor. 8:1-7**

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: **They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.** 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you —see that you also excel in this grace of giving. NIV

### Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, **in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.** 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

**Miracles happen when you let go of things.**

## IV. You need to step in and take advantage of opportunities that are in front of you.

*“Stepping forward is often a sign of faith; not waiting for something to happen.”*

**There are three kinds of people in this world: people who make it happen, people who watch what happens, and people who wonder what happened.**

Tommy Lasorda

### Ex. 2:7

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.” NIV

Joel with Cal Ripken's baseballs - running down to the dug out.

Wendy's story - Bret - get yourself a frosty. Motor scooter - no money.

### 1 Samuel 14:8-19

**8 Jonathan said, “Come on, then; we will cross over toward them and let them see us. 9 If they say to us, ‘Wait there until we come to you,’ we will stay where we are and not go up to them. 10 But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands.”** (See 1 Sam. 14:11-23)

### Joshua 3:8

8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: **‘When you reach the edge of the Jordan’s waters, go and stand in the river.’”**

### Joshua 3:14-16

14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. 15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. **Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water’s edge, 16 the water from upstream stopped flowing.** It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

## V. Conclusion

- A. Final Prayer
- B. Reminder of communion and Prayer