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## THE BIRTH OF A HERO

*“And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.””*

**EXODUS 2:4-6**

Legend. Myth. Story. When heroes rise, stories follow them. Stories of grand conquest, glorious beginnings, wise leadership, and military expertise. Heroes focus on putting themselves in the biggest light possible. That’s why this story of a humble man is so stunning. It goes against the grain of popular literature. Why would anyone want to revere and follow a man that comes from a place of humility and weakness rather than a position of strength? Enter God’s man Moses. His very name means “drawn out of water.” What’s odd is that his mother doesn’t name him. Instead, the daughter of Pharaoh is the one that gives him his name. Moses would be placed on the Mount Rushmore of God’s people. My Hebrew dictionary tells me that his name is used 766 times in the entire Bible. What does God teach us here in Exodus 2?

Men, we’ve already seen the providential direction of God in the life of Joseph. Have you ever considered it in the life of Moses? His birth mother and father have great courage to even hide this baby for three months. Babies cry too often for this to be a secret, but we read here that he was hid from the Egyptians for three months. How does God protect Moses from Pharaoh’s command of genocide? Who discovers Moses in the river? This is no ordinary female bathing in the river. Can you imagine the alternative scenario? What would have happened if an obedient Egyptian would have discovered the baby? Moses would have most likely been thrown into the river to drown a quick death. But God. The person who discovers the baby is Pharaoh’s daughter. This is completely different from the Hebrew midwives saving the babies when they were born. That event you can understand because they couldn’t bring themselves to kill another Hebrew and they feared God. But Pharaoh’s daughter? She wouldn’t have any fear of God. But you can see that God orchestrates all of it...even when the baby Moses cries. Babies do cry often, but they don’t cry on command from other people. But here in Exodus 2 we read: “When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” Pharaoh’s daughter is moved to pity over the baby.

Men, what does this show about our God? Moses is a titanic among the men of the Bible. He wrote the first five books of the Bible. What’s interesting here is that he tells the story of his own origin...and he does it so humbly. He even tells the story of his murder of another Egyptian and later his banishment from entering the Promised Land. This isn’t a story about Moses. This is a story about the God of Moses. Was there anything special about Moses? He would deny anything special...just look at his attitude in Exodus 3. But God. This is about God’s presence and God’s strength. God has rescued His people, and He uses ordinary, everyday people to do it. That means you men! God has called you “for such a time as this.” God gives you the grand chance to be used to make Him famous. To share His Name with your wife, with your children, and your friends. God has created you for such a time as this. The question isn’t if God will use you today. Instead the question must be for all of us, how will God use you today?

***Spend some time thanking God for His plan for all of His men. Ask Him to give His men courage to follow Him with our whole hearts today.***

**For Further Reading: Exodus 2:1-10**