CONNECT QUESTIONS

- 1) Thinking about this week, what is something you are thankful for or something you would like prayer for?
- 2) Read Exodus 1:7-22. What does the multiplication of the Israelites in verse 7 tell us about God's faithfulness to His promises, even in difficult or unfamiliar circumstances?
- 3) Why do you think Pharaoh felt threatened by the growth of the Israelites? How do fear and control often show up when others are flourishing?
- 4) The Hebrew midwives showed courage by defying Pharaoh's orders. What helps someone stand firm in faith when pressured to compromise?
- 5) In your own life, where is God inviting you to trust Him to bring growth, even in places that feel like oppression, pressure, or resistance?

6) How does this story challenge the idea that growth and blessing only come in peaceful or easy seasons? Can you think of a time when God brought growth through hardship in your own life?

7) Close by praying for each other.

Memory Passage

"But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them."

- Exodus 1:7 (NASB)

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Exodus 1: 7-22 (NASB)

⁷ But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land." ¹¹ So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel. ¹³ The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; ¹⁴ and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all *kinds* of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah: ¹⁶ and he said. "When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see *them* upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them." ²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.²¹ Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive."

