

# A FAITHFUL MOTHER

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## I. A Mother's Influence

*“Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: ‘When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.’”*

Exodus 1:15 (New Living Translation)

A. Jochebed exercised \_\_\_\_\_ by refusing to put Moses to death.

*“About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.”*

Exodus 2:1-4 (New Living Testament)

**B.** God honored her faith by preserving the baby's life and by \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances that allowed Jochebed to serve as his nurse and mother.

*“It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.”*

Hebrews 11:24-26 (New Living Testament)

**C.** As an adult, Moses unashamedly identified with the God of Israel, which is a testimony to the \_\_\_\_\_ of his mother during his formative years.

## **II. A Pushy Mother**

*“It was about that time that the mother of the Zebedee brothers came with her two sons and knelt before Jesus with a request. “What do you want?” Jesus asked. She said, “Give your word that these two sons of mine will be awarded the highest places of honor in your kingdom, one at your right hand, one at your left hand.” Jesus responded, “You have no idea what you’re asking.” And he said to James and John, “Are you capable of drinking the cup that I’m about to drink?” They said, “Sure, why not?” Jesus said, “Come to think of it, you are going to drink my cup. But as to awarding places of honor, that’s not my business. My Father is taking care of that.”*

Matthew 20:20-23 (The Message)

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
mothers are not exclusive to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

B. The boys had been taught, they did not  
need to \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. A Mother's Legacy

*"I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you."*

2 Timothy 1:5 (New Living Translation)

A. Paul reminded Timothy that his  
\_\_\_\_\_ came from his family.

*"Paul went first to Derbe and then to Lystra, where there was a young disciple named Timothy. His mother was a Jewish believer, but his father was a Greek. Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium, so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey. In deference to the Jews of the area, he arranged for Timothy to be circumcised before they left, for everyone knew that his father was a Greek."*

Acts 16:1-3 (New Living Translation)

B. Timothy's faith would grow because of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Paul.