

GRACEPOINT CHURCH

Weekly Devotional

Her faith, our journey
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Life, against all odds – Thabiso Mcinga – 9.8.2026

Scripture

Exodus 2:1-5

Open your mind and heart as you read the passage of Scripture aloud and then again quietly to yourself. Listen for God's word to you.

Spend some time in worship.

Observation

When Moses was born, a death sentence had been issued by the Pharaoh over all Hebrew baby boys. It was a dangerous world for him and his people, who were still living as an oppressed foreign nation in Egypt. His parents were both Levites, of the priestly clan in Hebrew society. He had an older brother (Aaron) and an older sister (Miriam), both of whom would play a part in his life story, and in that of the Hebrew nation.

Both Moses' father and mother were named – Amram was his father, and Jochebed was his mother, indicating the importance of their story in their people's history. Both were believers in God, and Jochebed hid her beautiful newborn son. Later, Hebrews 11:23 describes their faith: *By faith, Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.*

When the baby grew too big to hide, she made a drastic decision. Pharaoh had ordered that all Hebrew baby boys should be thrown into the river. He was concerned about the strength of the Hebrew nation, for the population had flourished in Egypt, and he had devised this plan to weaken and destroy the people in a generation (Exodus 1:15-16). However, God had other plans, and we see His plan being put into action in Moses' story. Jochebed trusted God as she made a waterproof basket to keep her son safe when she put him in the river. The word for papyrus basket is only used on one other occasion in Scripture to describe Noah's ark. When she placed the basket with her small son in the

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river, she gave him into God's hands, trusting that God would look after him when she could no longer do so.

Icebreaker:

Have you ever been in a situation when a woman stepped up to lead a group you were in?

How was her leadership accepted/rejected?

How did you feel about the situation?

What was the result?

Application

- What role did your mother play in shaping you into the person you are today? Did you recognise her efforts, or was the relationship difficult? Looking back on your childhood, can you see times when your mother protected you or made sacrifices for you? What would you like to say to her now?
- *Jochebed became the hand that hid Moses:* When have you been aware of women going the extra mile for small children – even at the risk of their own safety? How do you think you would cope in similar situations? What would it take for you to protect a defenceless child in dangerous situations? Could you do it for your own children? What about the children belonging to someone else? What makes the difference?
- *The hand that placed him in a different location:* If your children are adults, how did you let them go? Was it easy, or did you find it difficult? If they are still small, is it a challenge to let them do things on their own, or do you prefer to be there to supervise them? How does the thought of letting them grow up as independent adults make you feel? What role does God play in the way you raise/have raised your children? In your opinion, when are children old enough to make their own decisions?
- *The hand that raised him:* How has your own relationship with your mother influenced your relationship with your own children? Have you found yourself repeating the same mistakes (even as a father)? What part of your own childhood would you like to pass on to your children? What part would you like to protect them from? If you are a parent, can you now appreciate your own parents' efforts

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more than you could before you had children? If you do not yet have children, what would you like to pass on to any future generation that you have inherited from your parents? (Not material possessions, but beliefs, attitudes, behaviours, etc.) Why are these important to you?

- How can the group help you with the struggles you have mentioned during this session?

Prayer

Pray for one another regarding the issues raised during your discussion time and any other needs of the group.

Service

Find some action you can take as you reach out to someone in another generation – perhaps even to build a bridge between you – to show them how you appreciate their efforts, even if they were flawed.

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