

w/b Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## **Moses: Leader on the edge of life** - Study notes

Exodus 2:1-10

### **Icebreaker**

We heard on Sunday that Moses was placed in the River Nile as a three month old baby. This was not a relaxing cruise down the river! Think about your past holidays; what was the most relaxing holiday and why?

### **Read** Exodus 2:1-10 The Birth of Moses

*Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman,<sup>2</sup> 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.*

*<sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.*

*<sup>5</sup> 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.*

*<sup>6</sup> 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.*

*<sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"*

*<sup>8</sup> "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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)*

### **Understanding**

- 1) What had happened to trigger the drastic action of Jochebed (Moses mother)?
- 2) What was interesting about the actions of Miriam, Moses sister?
- 3) Moses was weak, venerable and helpless. Can you think of other similar situations/ parallels in the bible?
- 4) We heard on Sunday that God is in control of all our life's circumstances. Can you spot any examples of how God was in control of the situation in the passage?

## **Apply**

1) Can you think of situations in life that can possibly seem out of control? How do you feel when you read or perhaps experience such situations?

2) We read in the passage that Miriam stood at a distance and watched to see what would happen. Are there situations you are currently facing where you are trying to stay in control but perhaps need to step away and place into Gods hands?

3) In the previous verses we read about how the midwives feared God and their actions reflected total reliance and faith in God who was in control.

What does it mean to you to “fear God”?

4) What can we do to develop a deeper knowledge of God, which in turn will enable our responses to reflect a confidence and reliance of a God who is in control?

## **Pray**

As you read this study you are in the presence of the very same sovereign God of the Old Testament. He loves you and cares about every difficult situation you are facing today.

Spend some time sharing about difficult situations people are facing. Care, support and pray for each other.