Exodus 1:22-2:10, “Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: ‘Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.’ Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, 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. 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. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. 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. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, ‘Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?’ ‘Yes, go,’ she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. 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. 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.’”

Bible has many wonderful stories about mothers and one of the most thrilling is the story of the mother of Moses. She had a beautiful name Jochebed, meaning, “The Lord is Glory.” She was a remarkable person. Pharaoh said, “The population of the Hebrews in Egypt was going too much.” He comes up with a drastic plan, he orders all the male babies be killed at birth.

Jochebed was pregnant with Moses. When he was born, she hides him for three months. Then, she devised a very ingenious plan to save him. She made a basket out of waterproof reeds, put Moses in it and floated it in the Nile River where she knew that Pharaoh’s daughter came to bathe. She prayed, “When the princess sees Moses (My wonderful little boy) she will save his life.”

Pharaoh's daughter came to the river to bathe, saw the baby, and fell in love with him. Jochebed arranged to have Moses' sister hiding nearby, she sees the princess cuddle the baby and runs up to her and said, “Would you like to have a nurse raise this child for you?” Pharaoh's daughter said she would, so Moses was given back to his own mother to be raised.

Jochebed's actions were quite typical of mothers –it shows a mother’s

**UNSELFISH CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN:**

1. **Moses' mother SAW LIFE in this son of her’s**

The edict of Pharaoh was DEATH, but Moses' mother saw LIFE, and HOPE, and POSSIBILITIES. God help us to look at OURSELVES - and OTHERS - with the same determined focus on life and hope that Jochebed had for Moses.

Years ago scientist stated, “If you take all the chemical elements of the human body, extract them into a little pile and sold them on the open market, they would be worth about 98 cents” That certainly doesn't do much for your ego, does it?
However, a few years ago, scientists from Du Pont did the same kind of analysis and found that the body contains some very rare elements - (like the wonder drug, “interferon”) - worth thousands of dollars an ounce! They stated, “There is enough atomic power in every pound of our body to create eleven million kilowatts of energy.” The average person has a potential chemical and atomic worth of about Billion dollars. (I have a few pounds I would like to cash in right now!)

But it is not the physical value, or even the chemical worth, I am referring to, but rather, the SPIRITUAL value of a person.

I want you to think of your life in terms of its possibilities and potentials that could make all the difference in the world for yourself – and others around you.

Some scientists once asked Albert Einstein, if they could analyze his brain after his death. “What would the brain of a genius be like?” Einstein agreed, but with a provision that, after they studied his brain and gave their report on it to the scientific community, he would be allowed to have a letter, that he would write, read to the scientific community. The agreement was that the letter could not be read until after the report was made.

In time Einstein died, his body was given over to the scientists. They analyzed his brain, wrote their report, and brought it to a scientific convention. The report was read then the sealed envelope opened. In it was found the handwritten letter from Einstein. It had only two sentences. The first one said, “I'm sure that you have found that my brain, like the brain of all human beings, has nine billion cells.” That's exactly what they had found. Einstein's brain looked normal in every way. The second sentence of his letters was, “The difference is I knew it!” The difference was that Einstein knew the potentials of his mind. He knew the possibilities.

What a difference there would be in our life, if we looked at life the same way. That's how Jochebed looked at Moses.

I was surprised when I became a preacher. Those who grew up with me, certainly surprised. I thought my mother would be surprised, but she just said, “I knew you would be a preacher, I've been praying for just that!”

Mothers, see potentials, and the possibilities in your child’s life – see life for them!

2. Mothers have a natural ability to create an atmosphere in the home in which life can be nurtured and matured

Some families do not have tremendous resources but God can give mothers the ability to create a wonderful climate for mental and spiritual growth.

A successful New York businessman, Eugene Lang, was asked to give a talk to graduating 6th graders in public school P.S. 121 in Harlem. He was asked because fifty years before he had graduated from that same 6th grade at P.S. 121. There were 61 students present for his speech, plus parents and friends. He sat before he was to get up and speak. He looked out over the group, planning what he was going to say. He had planned to say something like, “If you work hard like I did, you can be successful like I have been.” He tells later that as he sat there,
thinking, he said to himself “Balderdash! “- That's a senseless jumble of words – it means, “nonsense!” He said to himself, “I'm not going to give a speech like that!”

When got up to the podium, he said, “I have decided to offer every single 6th grader, who does not drop out of school, free tuition to any college of their choice! I am going to put aside $2000 for each of you right now and I am going to add to that over the next six years. When you graduate from high school, you can go on to college and I'll pay the tuition.”

Those 6th graders graduated from High School. Of the original 61, 9 had moved away, there were 52 left of that group. All 52 graduated! There was not a single dropout among them. Which was an amazing record for any school, but especially in Harlem, New York. THEY ALL GRADUATED!

When Eugene Lang made that announcement that day, there was a stunned silence. For a moment the students couldn't believe it. Then they broke out in applause. Afterward they smothered him with hugs and kisses. He said, “I have never been kissed by so many strangers in all my life as I was that day.”

He didn't just give money. He said, “Naked money can have an arrogance.” He gave himself. He kept track of each of those youngsters. They could come to see him in his office any time they wanted to see him. He came to see them. He followed their records. He created a climate that produced an amazing success record! He developed within those students “a spirit of success.”

That's what Jochebed did for Moses. She saw in him life. She encouraged that life. She offered life! Moses was one of the greatest leaders in the history of mankind. He had one of the finest educations possible. He was educated in the schools of Egypt, that was known for their academic excellency. He had the great library of Alexandria to browse through – but he got God in his home from his mother!

Mothers, we must incorporate God into the lives of our children, so they will have inner resources and not be swamped by outside peer pressures.

What kind of character did Moses have?

Hebrews 11:23-27 tells us, “By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.”