

“Unsung Heroes”

Exodus 2:1-10

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Exodus 2:1-10 “Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman.
² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, ‘This is one of the Hebrews’ children.’ ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ ⁸ And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Go.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, ‘Because,’ she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’”

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: ***Thanks Be To God!***

I. **You should never underestimate the impact of a life lived in faith and obedience to God!**

Pharaoh was so fearful of the Hebrew men that he completely underestimated the power of the faith of the Hebrew women. They quietly lived their lives in faith and obedience to God and accomplished more than Pharaoh ever thought possible.

- A. Even though they were oppressed and enslaved, the Lord rewarded the Israelites faithful obedience as slaves by multiplying them and causing them to spread! (Ex. 1:12)
- B. The Hebrew midwives faithfully obeyed God and didn’t kill the male babies as Pharaoh commanded them to do. (Ex. 1:15ff)
- C. Moses’ mother faithfully hid Moses for 3 months. (Ex. 2:2)
- D. Moses’ mother acted in faith and made a waterproof basket, put Moses in it and placed it at the river bank. (Ex. 2:3)
- E. Moses’ mother left the basket and stayed behind, showing her faith and trust in God. This providentially enabled her to later nurse Moses at the request of Pharaoh's daughter (Ex. 2:7-8), and to earn money in doing so. (Ex. 2:9)

II. You need to know that some of the most vital ministries and people in our church family are the least obvious!

1 Corinthians 12:21-27 “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’²² On the contrary, **the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,**²³ and **on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor,** and **our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,**²⁴ **which our more presentable parts do not require.** But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

- A. Even though we pay more attention to our visible body parts, it's the parts inside of us, those that we've likely never seen, that are vital to our lives. Similarly, some of the church's most vital ministries and ministers are hardly ever seen. (1 Cor. 12:22)
- B. Your outward, more visible parts of the body are devoted to the care of the inward, less visible body parts. Similarly, we do well to honor, appreciate, and care for those whose actions are seemingly mundane and normal, but sustain our very lives. (1 Cor. 12:23-24)
- C. It's not uncommon that the people you think about the least are doing the most. It's not uncommon for the people you notice the least to be sustaining us the most. That's why Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day, wanted to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is “the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world.”

“Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother. Certainly I have not the powers of speech with which to set forth my valuation of the choice blessing which the Lord bestowed on me in making me the son of one who prayed for me, and prayed with me.”

~ Charles Spurgeon ~

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. Recall something funny, quirky, kind, sweet or interesting about your mother.
2. What struck you as Pastor Peter spoke about Moses' mother, Jochebed?
3. Who is an “unsung hero” in your life? Who has had an oft overlooked impact on you simply by their faithful obedience to God and commitment to you?
4. What next step can you take to set yourself to be an “unsung hero” for the glory of God and the good of our church family?
5. Take some time to thank the Lord for an “unsung hero” you may have overlooked in recent days or forgotten about. If possible, express your gratitude to him/her soon.