

# The Family

## Week 3 – April 25, 2021

### Scripture: Exodus 1:1 – 2:10

*Grab your Bible and a few people to connect with. Look up the verses below and share your thoughts. It's that easy!*

**Share:** What are some of the big “what if’s” in life that cause you to worry?

**Read Exodus 1:1 – 2:10 together:** Take turns reading if you prefer. Enjoy the different Bible translations we each read.

**Discuss the following context:**

In week three of this series, the story of Moses’ mother is a powerful and practical picture of trusting the goodness of God. The moment she placed her son in the basket was the moment she placed her trust in the hands of God. She let go of what she loved and the very river that was intended to bring destruction became a new channel for salvation. We tend to live with a false sense of control. We often cling too tightly to the relationships we have with our children or loved ones, to things we have or want, to our finances, and even our aspirations. The truth is, like Moses’ mother, some of us need to open our hands and let go – release control, and surrender. As we learn to trust God, we will increasingly learn how to love without fear.

**Share your thoughts about following questions:**

1. Exodus 1 describes how God blesses the Israelites to the point that they became a threat to the Egyptians. The new pharaoh lived with fear of losing his power and control. In contrast, the midwives feared God.
  - a. Living with fear can make people do some pretty irrational things. Think about fear and irrational behavior. How have you experienced this in your own life?
  - b. We often face a choice of fear or faith. Read Acts 5:29 and Romans 3:13. What do these scriptures say about faith and obedience?
2. We often grieve the hostile environments we face. Moses’ mother must have felt complete hopelessness about her situation. If she clung to Moses out of fear they both would be killed. Her sons only chance of survival required faith.
  - a. What are the types of hostile environments we often confront?
  - b. How can we begin to choose faith in the midst of these hostile environments? Consider how we often operate out of a false sense of control versus placing our trust in God.
3. How do you need to trust God? Moses’ mother needed to trust God with her son. Do you relate? Or perhaps you need to trust God with your finances, a relationship, past pain, unforgiveness, or dreams and ambitions. Instead of operating out of fear, what do you need to surrender to the Lord?

**Pray together:** Ask each other to share what is on your heart today. Thank God that He is good, and even when the world seems hostile, He is worthy of our trust. Ask Him to help you see what you need to put in the basket and float down the river. We desire to trust Him and increasingly learn how to love without fear. We believe that when we let go, He is able to redeem our circumstances in ways we could never imagine. Thank Him for showing up in the most beautiful and unexpected ways!