Intentional ....... A Mother’s Heart
Exodus 2:1-10

Sermon Outline

A. A Well Designed Plan (vs. 1-4):

1. She married a godly man who was a slave.
2. She accepted God’s plan for her life and gave birth to three children.
3. She managed her home well because it seemed as though she’d have a lot of his help to execute this plan, probably because her husband was a slave.
4. There was no way the soldiers were going to take her son’s life.
5. She gave her children careful attention, this is why she saw who Moses was before he became God’s leader.
6. She was intentional:
   a) It is apparent that she bought the basket: “she got him a wicker basket”.
   b) She bought the basket with a plan:
      • A papyrus basket – she knew she was going to put Moses in the Nile. Papyrus keeps the basket afloat and keeps away crocodiles.
      • She covered it with tar and pitch – she knew where she was going to place her son before she bought the basket. If the plan did not work she can still redeem her son.
      • The basket needed to float a while because Miriam needed to hide and it needed to be still a float when Pharaoh’s daughter came.
7. She left nothing to chance.
8. She knew exactly where Pharaoh’s daughter would walk (vs. 5). She must have checked this out before hand. Nothing was left up to chance.
9. Stood here means to be ready to endlessly confront the issue with no plans to stop. Jochebed prepared her daughter to be just as intentional as she was.
10. Miriam was committed to see this plan through. She was not going to leave her spot.

B. She Trusted God to Bless her Plan (Vs. 5-8):

1. Jochebed left Moses there while his sister kept watch. She still had a home to manage with a three year old there (Aaron). So she trusted God and left the Nile.
2. Pharaoh’s daughter recognized after careful examination that what she was looking needed further inspection.
3. Pharaoh’s daughter’s attendants brought her the basket but it was Pharaoh’s daughter who opened it.
4. Pharaoh’s daughter gave her complete attention to what was in the basket.
5. Moses crying stimulated an immediate compassionate reaction from Pharaoh’s daughter. The fact that she had pity on him maybe she may have thought with all the babies being thrown into the Nile that a mother was trying to save her child. Could be a mother who was trying to hide him to keep Moses away from the
soldiers.

6. **Miriam:**
   
   a) When Miriam talked with Pharaoh’s daughter she had no intent to stop until she convinces Pharaoh’s daughter to allow her to find a nurse.
   
   b) Miriam is ready to execute this with all her might.
   
   c) Miriam request was for her to be in a fixed position to do nothing but find someone to do nothing but nurse Moses.

7. Pharaoh’s daughter commanded Miriam to go and do as she said she would do.

8. What Pharaoh’s daughter said she continually repeated showing she was in full agreement.

9. Miriam went shouting loud to her mother expecting a specific response to what she was saying.

**C. It did not Matter the Sacrifice (vs. 9):**

1. Pharaoh’s daughter spoke repeatedly what she wanted Moses mother to do. So Moses mother’s intent becomes Pharaoh’s daughter intent.

2. Pharaoh’s daughter told Jochebed that nursing Moses was the right thing for her to do.

3. Pharaoh’s daughter wanted it to become what Jochebed’s life would be all about.

4. Pharaoh’s daughter would put a plan in place that would pay Jochebed for taking care of Moses. God blesses a poor woman, whose husband was a slave, to have the resources to take care of all the needs her son had.

**D. Her Commitment Blessed a Nation (vs. 10):**

1. This means that as Moses grew older he showed signs of greatest. A mother knows her child even if he is just born.

2. Even though it had to be very hard for Jochebed to take Moses to Pharaoh’s daughter she still did what was agreed upon

3. Babies being killed was probably over or Moses was past the age when Jochebed brought Moses back. It seems like Jochebed was more committed to what she believed God was doing in the life of her son than just being his mother.
   
   a) Seeing a child’s potential and focusing everything for them to reach their potential is God blessed parenting.

4. Pharaoh’s daughter intended for Moses to endlessly be her child; she saw a lot in him as well (Hebrews 11:23-29).

5. She now possessed him so that everything that Moses achieves will be credited to her not his mother. This was not discouraging to Moses’s mother because she saved her son’s life and was able to infuse God’s principles into Moses life before he left home. Her son was good and has the opportunity to do better.

6. Pharaoh’s daughter saw potential in Moses as well (Hebrews 11:23-29).

7. Pharaoh’s daughter by naming Moses gave him all rights and privileges.

8. Pharaoh’s daughter changed his name but not his heart.