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BIBLE PASSAGE - Exodus 2.1-10

This is the first in a series of 3 small group studies looking at Exodus 2. There's so much in Exodus 2. Take time to read it for yourself and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Bible truth to you, and help you apply it to your life. There are many points within these small group sessions that could be put together for a talk.

The birth of Moses

You have a history, a family. Even if your family background is not brilliant, you were born for a purpose. Read Psalm 139.15-16 and write down what it says:

Moses had loving parents - we know that because the parents thought Moses was wonderful. Did you know that the key period for babies is the first 3 months of their life? This really defines who they are. We learn from the Bible that Moses' parents had him for 3 months before they had to give him away. Nevertheless, they put Moses in the Nile near to where they knew that Pharaoh's daughter bathed. Even when giving him away, they wanted the best for him.

Point - Even if you are adopted, God will use that. You haven't been rejected by God.

Point - It is OK to seek God's best for your life, to push and even be a bit cheeky to get it too! Ask and you will receive.

Point - God is in control of your life and will bring people into your life to help you.

Write down Matthew 7.7-9

In Matthew 10:16, Jesus said to his disciples, "*I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*" What do you think this means?

Reading Exodus 2.3-10, write down the support that Moses received when he was a baby and the people that God brought into his life (after his parents were forced to give him away)

1. _____ (King's daughter)
2. _____ (King's daughter's servant)
3. _____ (Moses' sister)
4. _____ (a Hebrew woman who looked after Moses - who turned out to be his real mum!)

Questions - Who has God brought into your life to help you? How have they helped?

Let's take a look at things from the perspective of the King's daughter - there she was, going about her daily business (having a bath in the Nile) and she sees a baby that changes her life.

Point - God may well bring unexpected people into your life to help you. Stay aware and with your eyes open, spiritually. What's more, you may well be able to be a blessing to others. God may bring people or things into your life, so that you can impact their lives.

Questions - Who have you helped? How can you learn from your experiences to help others?

Here's another question - is it ever right to lie for the sake of your faith? Or is lying always wrong?

Why do we ask? Well, the King of Egypt had ordered that all male Hebrew babies be killed and thrown into the Nile. But the Pharaoh's daughter took in baby Moses, had a Hebrew slave look after him and hide him from the King. If the daughter hadn't been careful or deceptive, Moses would surely have been killed..

This didn't happen as something stirred in the heart of the Pharaoh's daughter, a heart of compassion for an innocent little baby lying in the reeds of the River Nile. This was despite the fact that he was a 'foreign' Hebrew baby.

There is much conflict in our world with racism. But Pharaoh's daughter didn't follow this. Write down what Galatians 3.28-29 says about what we share as believers in Jesus.

Pharoah's daughter also showed compassion towards the baby. As Christians, we are called to share God's love. This is no religious rule, this is about God changing our hearts and allowing his love to pour into and through us.

God's Favour is with you - Isn't it amazing what God does? Let's look closely again at the story of Moses as a baby and see how God spared his life and gave him great favour...

His mother is forced to give him up - she sends him down into the reeds where she knows Pharoah's daughter is about to bath - the sister of Moses is nearby watching over him - Pharoah's daughter sees the baby - Moses' sister offers to find someone to look after the baby - goes and gets Moses' mum - who then looks after the baby, but under the favour and protection of the Pharoah's daughter - in time, the King's daughter adopted him as her own son.

The name 'Moses' is like the Hebrew word, 'to pull out.'

What is your name? Does it mean anything? What? Do you think your name was given to you by God for a reason?

Read Luke 2.21..