


Be strong and courageous!
Do not tremble or be
dismayed, for the Lord your
God is with you wherever
you go.

Joshua 1:9



A Life Changing Birth

A silhouette of a man standing in a valley between two mountains. He is holding a staff or scepter in his right hand and has a cape or robe draped over his left shoulder. The background is a light, hazy sky, and the mountains are dark and textured.

Exodus 2:1-10

Exodus 1:1 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob; they came each one with his household: **2** Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; **3** Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; **4** Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. **5** All the persons who came from the loins of Jacob were seventy in number, but Joseph was already in Egypt. **6** Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. **7** But the sons of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly, and multiplied, and became exceedingly mighty, so that the land was filled with them.

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. **9** He said to his people, “Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we. **10** Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land.” **11** So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses. **12** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah; **16** and he said, “When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” **17** But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.





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**How did they
handle this life
changing birth?**



Exodus 2:1-10



They were convinced
of Moses' value.



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*Do we know what is
valuable?*



They were undeterred
by Pharaoh's opposition.



They were undeterred
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*Are we willing to
face opposition?*

How will we
respond to *the* life
changing birth?

