***Exodus 2:1-10 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. 2So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. 3But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river’s bank. 4And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. 5Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. 6And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, “This is one of the Hebrews’ children.” 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?” 8And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Go.” So the maiden went and called the child’s mother. 9Then 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. 10And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.”***

Moses had a mama. I know that comes as a shock this morning, but Moses had a mama. She is viewed as a giant in our faith, so much so that her Faith is remembered in Hebrews 11 – a chapter of the Bible known as the Hall of Faith. Imagine being so faithful to God that your actions are listed with the likes of Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and your own son Moses. A giant of the Faith and her name is Jochebed.

This morning, we’re going to look at three lessons from the life of Jochebed. Three lessons that teach us all, and especially Godly mothers, how to raise our children before our Faithful Father. Jochebed prayed like she believed. She prepared like she believed. She practiced like she believed in God. Mother’s, and Fathers I might add, pray, prepare, and practice like you believe your child will one day need God, will one day believe God, and will one day meet God. Because, one day, every child most assuredly will.

Verses 1-2 *And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi. 2So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.* Jochebed prayed. Where does it say that? Pharoah has just announced a law ordering the killing your child. Tell me you’re not praying. Imagine the fear. Imagine the urgency. Imagine the certainty that God is our only Hope. Jochebed prayed.

Mothers, God is that same **only Hope** today. Pray with urgency. Pray from the moment you know you’re pregnant and never stop praying. Pray for your grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pray for the child across the street. Pray for the child you see in Walmart. Pray urgently. Jochebed prayed and God heard.

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Mothers prepare. Use every opportunity to teach and connect. If you’re not a presence when they’re small, you will not be a presence when they’re tall. Anchor them and they will follow that line back time after time. Teach them of an Ark called Jesus and they’ll never drown.

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Mother’s practice your faith. Choose the path. An unled child is lost and waiting for someone to lead. It must be you. Otherwise, strange beliefs will take their hand. Lead them to their own encounter with God.

Jochebed. Giant of Faith. She prayed, prepared, and practiced. Her Faith is part of the foundation we stand upon today. Mothers, don’t leave it to chance. Pray, prepare, and practice. Bring it to God, listen to God, and follow after God and do it while they’re young. Your children, grandchildren, and many generations to come will thank you and rise up to call you blessed.