

Week of May 9, 2010

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Monday

Ex. 2:2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was beautiful, she hid him for three months.

The godly mother who protects her children regardless of the cost to herself is the example of Jochebed, Moses' mother. Though it may require her life, she is determined to protect and guard her child's life. God still makes women like Jochebed and He still needs women like Jochebed. There are too many examples today of parental selfishness leading to the hurt, even the destruction of children. Parents who should be wiser are throwing away their children's lives on the altar of their own pleasure and empty promises of self-fulfillment. Pray for godly mothers.

Tuesday

Ex. 2:8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go ahead." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

God's providence is an awesome and wonderful grace for the believer. That which looks hopeless often becomes salvation and glory. Look at Jochebed's situation with Moses. In desperation she makes a pitch covered basket and hides her son in the river. What hope could there be for the little boy under Pharaoh's ban? Yet, it is Pharaoh's family that comes to the rescue and the faithful Jochebed who is called to be the boy's caregiver. She gets hired to take care of her own son. Can you imagine anything more providential? God can and He is planning it for your life.

Wednesday

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said (to her mother-in-law), "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

In a time when the relations between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law is often so poor as to be lampooned in joke and story, God reminds us that such a relationship was designed to be a blessing to both. Part of that blessing is God's call to grow in patience, genuine love, and humility. Finding the balance in changing roles is never easy, yet God uses such relationships of life to call forth Spirit-filled living that displays the fruits of His Spirit in His disciple's lives. How is God using your relationships to make you more like Jesus?

Thursday

Ruth 1:5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."

Whether flood or grief or other loss, life brings tribulation. We live in a fallen world filled with sin. So do our children. We cannot protect our children or ourselves from life's tribulations but we can know the One who walks with us through them and gives us victory in them. The most important thing a parent can do is to follow Jesus and lead her/his children to follow Him too. Our hands are too small to hold our children for a lifetime. His hands are plenty big enough.

Friday

Prov. 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

Diversified! If the woman of God is anything, she is diversified. Stereotyped? If there is anything a woman of God cannot be it is stereotyped. She may be a businesswoman, a mother, a wife supporting her husband behind the scenes. She may trade for land, sew a hem, or manage personnel. At different times in life she may do all of these. She is devoted to the Lord. She is devoted to her calling of service. She is valued by God and valuable to her family. She shall be praised.