

## **Small actions yield big results**

Today we reflect on how Moses became the great leader of Israel, but before the baby in the basket, we must see the dark world into which he was born. Years earlier, Jacob's family had come to Egypt during famine, where Joseph had provided safety and provision. But over time, that place of refuge became a place of slavery. The Hebrew people multiplied greatly, fulfilling God's promise to Abraham, and this growth made Egypt fearful. A new Pharaoh arose, who did not know Joseph, and seeing the Israelites as a threat, he forced them into bitter labour and harsh oppression.

Pharaoh's fear then turned deadly. He ordered that every Hebrew baby boy be thrown into the Nile. It seemed as if evil had all the power. Yet it is right there, in that darkness, that Moses is born. His mother saw him as precious, a gift worth saving. For three months she hid him, but when she could hide him no longer, she made a waterproof basket, placed him inside, and set him among the reeds of the Nile, while his sister Miriam watched nearby.

In God's remarkable providence, Pharaoh's daughter came to that exact spot, found the basket, and was moved with compassion when she saw the crying child. In a stunning reversal, the river meant for death became the place of preservation. Miriam then bravely offered to find a Hebrew nurse, and Jochebed herself was brought back to care for her own son. The child Pharaoh wanted destroyed was now protected in Pharaoh's own household and would one day become Israel's deliverer.

This story reminds us that behind Moses stands the faith of his parents. Their actions teaches us that one courageous act can change a future, that small obedience matters to God, and that we are responsible for our part while God is responsible for the outcome. Their faith was practical, sacrificial, and unseen—but God used it to save a nation. The lesson is clear: never despise small faithful actions, because God often hides His greatest purposes inside our quietest acts of trust.