

LET GO AND LET GOD

A few weeks ago we finished the series based on the life of Moses. We talked about all that this great man of God conquered without ever reference his parents, which were fundamental to establish the foundations on which the life of his son was built. Moses would never have achieved what he did and become the man he was without the parents he had.

Parents are part of God's plan for the life of their children. As a mother and father, God asks you to teach them, that you prepare them to follow him, and that you set a Christian example in their lives. Behind a great man of God there is usually a mother and father who fear, honor and serve God. Moses' parents teach us some very important lessons that we shouldn't forget.

1. To be at the center of God's will doesn't mean that we won't face insurmountable problems. When Moses was born the people of Israel had lived for 400 years as slaves in Egypt. They were oppressed, exploited and desperate. Despite their circumstances they multiplied and were more than 2 million people. The Egyptians felt threatened by their numbers, and Pharaoh decided to kill all the males that were born among the Hebrews to solve the problem.

It was then that Jochebed discovered that she was pregnant. Can you imagine the apprehension she felt while the due date approached without knowing whether it was a boy or a girl? I'm sure they talked a lot about this and probably they would be afraid of what could happen.

Finally, the day arrives and they discover that it was a son. Now, what were they going to do? Moses was born condemned, not only because he was a slave, but he was also poor and destined for death. What would you do and feel if you were his parents? They were God fearing people and had not done anything wrong, and still faced a problem for which they had no solution! This teaches us that:

To be at the center of God's will doesn't mean that we won't face insurmountable problems. Maybe at this moment you feel confused because you are trying to do God's will, and yet you are facing an unjust situation, maybe a problem that you didn't create and for which you have no answer.

2. How to respond when we face insurmountable problems? In Hebrews 11.23 we find part of the answer to this question: **It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.** When we are confronted with difficult situations, we usually expect the worst to happen, but the example that Jochebed gave us was to have faith that God would help them: **"By faith in God, they weren't afraid."**

Maybe at this moment in your life you are facing something and there is nothing you can do about it. **It can be a disease, an injustice, maybe you feel abandoned or maybe you look at your children and it is hard for you to believe that they will be successful, etc.** But if you look at what happened with Moses, his situation could not be worse and in spite of that, God reversed his destiny when his parents by faith believed in Him. What was happening to them was unjust, but they were not going to give up.

Unless you are living in slavery, being exploited, and your children threatened with death, your situation is no worse than that of Jochebed. You must respond as she did and not allow the devil to rob the dreams that God has given for you and your children.

Let us have the same attitude of faith that Moses' parents had. They hid him for 3 months risking their own lives. I believe that during that time they asked God about what to do next and they had a plan. They placed their son inside a waterproof basket in the Nile River while his sister Miriam was watching from a distance to see what would happen to him.

This plan is the second answer to the question: How to respond when we face insurmountable problems? The first one is you must have faith and the second one is:

3. Let it go and trust God. Imagine Jochebed's emotions when she placed the baby in the basket and moved away. Imagine what she felt when she left him there alone in the water. Yes, his sister was watching, but Jochebed had to let him go.

Sometimes mothers have to make the same decision, they have to let something go, they have to release something or someone. But it is not about abandoning, but rather it's about release it into the hands of God. *"Lord, I don't have an answers, therefore I release it into your hands!"*

Jochebed teaches us that there are moments in our lives when we have done everything we can, we have said everything we could say, and there is nothing else to do but to release the person, the circumstance, the problem into the hands of God.

On that day, when she put her son in the river, she didn't imagined how God would take care of him and bless him in such a way that he would become a powerful man of God and the liberator of his people, but for that to take place she had to release her son.

Like Jochebed we do not always know what is going to happen, but we can trust that God's plan is the best. Many mothers have their hearts crushed because of their circumstances, but it is necessary to release your dreams for your children into the hands of God.

Jochebed didn't try to cling to his son or control the events of life, but she had faith that God would take care of all the details for the good of his life! Let's do the same. Who is that person, or that problem that you need to put in a basket and place in the river of God allowing Him to act in your favor?

Transition - What happened with Moses was incredible. The princess of Egypt found the baby and decided to take care of him, even though she knew he was a Hebrew child. Miriam, her sister, showed up and offers to find someone to breastfeed and take care of the child-- her mother. Can you see the providence and love of God in this story?

Why should we trust in God, you ask? Let's look at what happened here: [Jochebed put Moses in the right place in the river. Moses cried at the right time. Pharaoh's daughter saw the basket. Miriam was near at that moment. Pharaoh's daughter had enough influence to save baby Moses in spite of Pharaoh's orders.](#) It was all God's doing! Faith in God knows that He often works behind the scenes of our lives. What some call fate or destiny is in reality the providential

care of God. When God is for us, He will take care of everything because of the love He has for you and your children.

4. The most important thing a mother can do for a child is to teach that child about God.

During the years Jochebed was with Moses, she took the opportunity to teach him about who God was and who he was. She taught him to seek God and she set an example for him. And this impacted his life forever!

In life, children need to be given more than material things. They need to be guided in spiritual matters through our words and our example.

5. When you think you've lost your kids. At some point Moses lived in the palace as the princess's son. I wonder if Jochebed ever thought she had lost him now that he lived apart from his parents and his people.

I imagine that Moses had an inner struggle because, although he was a child of God, he was living as a son of Egypt. But one day, 40 years later, he stopped living divided, he embraced his true identity, identified himself as a child of God and left Egypt. For Moses to give this step it was essential what his mother taught him as a child.

[In His Time God will remind your children who they are. This should add hope to the hearts of all fathers and mothers with prodigal children.](#)

Conclusion - God wants mothers to know that you are very important for your children to discover and live out in their God given purpose.

What are some areas of your life you need to stop holding onto and start trusting God? What should you do when you can't do anything else? Give it to God and trust Him.

When you let go and trust God not all babies in baskets are rescued, not all illnesses are healed, not all jobs are restored, not all relationships are mended, but this is true: when you let go and trust Him, God is glorified and He will work it out for your ultimate good. Your faith will be rewarded! Remember, the Word of God is clear: *He works all things together for good for those who love him AND keep his commands!*

Mothers that impact their world, their family, their workplace, their friends have open hands. They know when to release things and people into the hands of God and trust Him.

Has God brought something to your mind that you have been holding on to and that you need to release? Maybe you need to let go of a dream. Maybe it's something material.

Tell the Lord today: "Father, I hear you say 'Let this go (whatever it is) _____ and trust Me.' Lord today I'll trust you with that and release it into your mighty hand.

God's promise for to you today is that if you do your part He will do His as He did with Jochebed and Moses.