

DESERT LESSONS**JOCHABED AND MIRIAM**

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MESSAGE NOTES

1. No matter what the circumstances are, there is always an opportunity to do the right thing at any given moment.
2. There are costs associated with honoring God, and they're worth it every time.

I oversee a small organization, where hundreds of decisions are made daily, where property and resources are managed, where health and nutritional needs are determined, where finances and futures are discussed and debated, where projects are planned and events are arranged, where transportation and scheduling are critical, where team-building is a priority, where careers begin and end. I oversee a small organization. I am a Family Manager. — Kathy Peel, Family Manager

3. Living well in a society largely defiant against God requires prayer, discernment, and creativity.
4. Faithfulness is often the unseen, uncelebrated, quality that carries God's plan forward.
5. God usually works in unexpected ways, through unlikely people, to ultimately fulfill His purposes.

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. — Proverbs 31:10,20,30

The mother's heart must have suffered bitterly as she let her boy go into the unknown world within the great palace gate; and very lonely must the little household have felt when the last kisses had been exchanged, the last instruction given, and the last prayer offered. What a crowd of tender thoughts, curious speculations, and eager yearnings must have followed Moses, as his mother took him and brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son! — FB Meyer

Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in His sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received... but only what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. — Francis of Assisi, Letter to Rulers of People

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What is one thing you recall from the sermon this past weekend?
- What was happening to God's people at the time Jochabed had a baby boy?
- Why was Pharaoh on such a murderous rampage?
- What did Jochabed and Miriam do to defy Pharaoh's orders?
- Do you think there is ever a time to be deceptive for some greater good? Why or why not?
- Can you think of some situations where our values established by God come in direct conflict with the pervading norms and expectations of our own culture?
- How did God use the discernment and creativity of Jochabed and Miriam to bring good out of a potentially disastrous set of circumstances?
- What must have been going through Jochabed's mind at being invited to care for Moses at the expense of Pharaoh's own household?
- How do you think being raised as a prince prepared Moses to lead God's people out of Egypt?
- How have you seen God use your upbringing, your training, your trials, or your experiences to have an impact in the lives of others?
- This week, how could you become more aware of opportunities to bring about good right where God has placed you