

LG | Leader

[Exodus 2]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- When you reflect back on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. What has transpired for the people of Israel to now be enslaved to Egypt?

If we recall, Joseph had gained so much favor with Pharaoh that he was given an abundance of land and wealth so that his family could thrive in Egypt (Genesis). Well, they thrived...so much so that when the new king over Egypt took the throne, he saw the people of Israel as a great threat.

2. Why does the new king of Egypt seek to kill all the newborn males?

In order to extinguish their potential to gain power (all females would be spared).

3. How is Moses' life spared the first time?

Fearing his life, Moses' Mother put baby Moses in the reeds next to the Nile river. The daughter of Pharaoh discovered Moses crying by the river when she went to bathe. Moses' sister who was keeping watch on Moses ran down to ask Pharaoh's daughter if she desired a Hebrew woman to nurse the crying baby and Pharaoh's daughter agreed (along with arranging wages for doing so). This nursing Hebrew woman turned out to be Moses' Mother.

4. How is Moses' life spared the second time?

Pharaoh sought to kill Moses for murdering an Egyptian. After fleeing to the land of Midian, he defends the seven daughters of the Midian priest under attack from Shepherds. Because of this act, Reuel (Jethro) the priest and Father of the seven daughters, gives Moses shelter and a daughter, who bore Moses a son.

5. Moses killed an Egyptian. If a non-Christian used this as an example of how Bible teaches that murder is ok, how would you defend that statement?

The book of Exodus is in the genre of historical narrative. It is describing an event that took place, not prescribing an event for us to follow. God used flawed people to accomplish His will countless times in the Bible.

6. What do verses 23-25 teach us about God? How does this give you hope/peace?

God hears, remembers, and knows the concerns/groans of His people.

7. Quiz: Moses' river vessel was crafted out of bulrushes, bitumen, and pitch. What other famous biblical stories contain the use bitumen or pitch?

A. Noah's Ark, Tower of Babel, Sodom and Gomorrah's bitumen pits

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.