

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Faith in the Face of Fear

Devotional

When circumstances seem impossible and fear threatens to overwhelm us, we can find courage in the example of Jochebed. Facing Pharaoh's deadly decree, she could have given in to despair. Instead, she chose faith over fear, taking extraordinary risks to protect her son Moses. For three months, she hid him at great personal danger, demonstrating that faith often requires us to act courageously even when we cannot see the outcome. Jochebed's story reminds us that God sees our faithful actions, even when they seem small or desperate. Her willingness to trust God with her most precious gift - her child - shows us that faith isn't the absence of fear, but choosing to act in obedience despite our fears. When we face our own impossible situations, we can remember that the same God who orchestrated Moses' rescue is still working in our circumstances today.

Bible Verse

'By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.' - Hebrews 11:23

Reflection Question

What situation in your life requires you to choose faith over fear, and how can you take one small step of courage today?

Quote

She showed such faith and trust in God that she was willing to put a baby in a basket and put it in the river.

Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You with my deepest concerns and fears. Give me the courage to act in faith, knowing that You see and care about every detail of my life.

Day 2: God's Perfect Timing

Devotional

Sometimes God's plans unfold in ways that seem impossible to our human understanding. Jochebed placed Moses in that basket thinking she might never see him again, yet God's sovereignty brought him right back into her arms. Through an incredible turn of events, she was hired to nurse her own son, giving her the most influential years of his life to shape his character and faith. This reminds us that God's timing is always perfect, even when we can't see His hand at work. What appears to be an ending might actually be God preparing for a new beginning. The formative years Jochebed had with Moses weren't accidental - they were divinely orchestrated. During those crucial early years, she instilled in him the faith and identity that would later enable him to lead an entire nation to freedom. When we release our precious gifts to God, He often returns them to us in ways we never imagined.

Bible Verse

'Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months.' - Exodus 2:1-2

Reflection Question

How have you seen God's perfect timing work in your life, and what current situation requires you to trust His timing?

Quote

God in his sovereignty allows Jochebed to come and nurse her own baby.

Prayer

Father, help me trust Your perfect timing in all things. When I can't see Your plan, remind me that You are always working for my good.

Day 3: Love That Breaks Barriers

Devotional

Pharaoh's daughter's discovery of baby Moses reveals how love can transcend the deepest cultural divides. Raised to view Hebrew people as inferior slaves, she could have easily followed her father's decree. Instead, when she heard Moses crying, her maternal instincts awakened something greater than prejudice. She chose compassion over compliance, love over law. Her decision to adopt Moses wasn't just about saving one child - it was about breaking down barriers that seemed insurmountable. She voluntarily took on the challenges of cross-cultural parenting, providing Moses with opportunities and stability he never would have had otherwise. This teaches us that love has the power to overcome even the most entrenched hatred and division. When we allow our hearts to be moved by compassion, we can become agents of change in our world. Sometimes the most radical act is simply choosing to love someone society tells us we should reject.

Bible Verse

'When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water.'" - Exodus 2:10

Reflection Question

What barriers in your own heart or community is God calling you to break down through acts of love and compassion?

Quote

Everything that she grew up being taught, everything that she grew up believing about her culture and the way that she was raised, that the Jewish people were low class, they were not as good as the Egyptians. They were slaves. We hate the Jewish people. That's why we enslaved them all went out the window.

Prayer

Lord, soften my heart toward those who are different from me. Help me see others through Your eyes of love and compassion.

Day 4: Courage to Stand for Life

Devotional

The Hebrew midwives Shiphrah and Puah faced an impossible choice: obey Pharaoh's command to kill Hebrew baby boys or risk their own lives by defying him. Their decision reveals the power of conviction over convenience. These women understood that some things are worth risking everything for, and protecting innocent life was one of them. They chose to fear God rather than man, demonstrating that true courage often means standing alone against popular opinion or powerful authority. Their advocacy for the unborn shows us that motherhood extends far beyond biological relationships. They became mother figures to an entire generation, using their positions of influence to protect those who had no voice. Their story challenges us to consider where we stand when faced with moral choices. Will we choose the easy path of compliance, or will we have the courage to advocate for what is right, even when it costs us something?

Bible Verse

'The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.' - Exodus 1:17

Reflection Question

In what area of your life is God calling you to take a courageous stand for what is right, regardless of the potential cost?

Quote

They advocated for the rights of these unborn children in the face of great risk to themselves.

Prayer

God, give me the courage to stand for what is right, even when it's difficult. Help me fear You more than any earthly authority or consequence.

Day 5: Extending Motherly Influence

Devotional

The story of Moses reminds us that motherhood isn't limited to biological relationships. Jochebed, Pharaoh's daughter, and the Hebrew midwives all played crucial motherly roles in shaping the man who would deliver Israel. This teaches us that we all have opportunities to be mother-like influences in someone's life. Whether through mentoring, encouraging, protecting, or nurturing, we can invest in the next generation in meaningful ways. Look around you - there are young people who need the wisdom, support, and love that you can offer. Maybe it's a neighbor, a coworker's child, or someone in your church community. You don't have to be a biological mother to make a motherly impact. God has placed people in your path who need what you have to offer. The influence you have today in someone's formative years could shape their entire destiny. Take time to thank God for the mother figures who invested in your life, and ask Him to show you who you can influence for His kingdom.

Bible Verse

'But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.' - Exodus 2:3

Reflection Question

Who in your life could benefit from your motherly influence and investment, and how can you begin to pour into their life this week?

Quote

There are other people in your life right now. Maybe they're not your kids, but there are young women in your lives that you know that maybe need some of these things. And even though you're not their mother, you can still be a mother like influence in their lives.

Prayer

Lord, open my eyes to see the opportunities You've given me to influence others. Help me be faithful to invest in the lives You've placed around me.