



# straight from The Heart Undiluted Faith



The Bible says in the book of Hebrews 11: 1 *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report”*. Faith is the attitude of a winner; it is that one quality that a Christian cannot succeed without.

Jochebed (Yahweh is glory) a woman found in Exodus 2:1-10, was the mother of one of the greatest figures in the Bible; Moses. She came from a godly background, born of the family of priests and married Amram, who is also of the house of Levi; a priest. Shortly after Moses was born; Pharaoh issued a decree that all newborn baby boys of the Hebrews be killed. Though afraid, she did not panic. Through faith she succeeded in keeping Moses alive and subsequently preserving the salvation of Israel. Many lessons could be learnt from the life of this extraordinary woman;



## **SHE WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL AND CREATIVE**

Creativity can only come when you are thoughtful, especially during difficult times. She did not have an easy time, either during pregnancy or after delivery. As soon as she discovered the baby was a boy, the power of divine creativity and strategy came upon her and she found a great way to hide and save the child. Only faith could have made anybody think straight and strategically in such times.

## **SHE WAS BOLD AND DARING**

A fearful woman could not have done what she did in saving her child. She overcame her fears with her strong faith in God. We must learn from the wisdom and faith exhibited by Jochebed as it was her faith in God that gave her courage to first stand up to Pharaoh by not surrendering her son to be killed but instead she hid the baby for three months determined that such a beautiful baby will not be killed. She did not allow worry to paralyse her; rather she sprung into action with courage. After she realised it was getting increasingly difficult to hide the child, she got a papyrus basket, made it as comfortable as possible, put the child in and then placed him on the Nile.

## **SHE WAS HIGHLY FAVOURED**

Faith will bring you favour. God honoured her faith and favoured her by arranging for the child to be picked up by pharaoh's daughter who then asked for a Hebrew woman to help her nurse the Hebrew child she found and Jochebed was the Hebrew woman chosen to nurse her own child.

## **SHE WAS VERY IMPACTFUL**

Life is not well lived if it leaves no impact. You have been created to make impact in the lives of people around you. You must start making an impact from your immediate environment, by affecting the lives of your children particularly, biological or not. God has placed someone's destiny into your hands; you must take this responsibility seriously. Jochebed raised three distinguished future leaders of Israel in Aaron, Miriam and Moses.

## **SHE SAVED OTHERS THROUGH HER FAITH**

This woman's actions preserved Moses, whom God used years later to deliver Israel. Her actions also prepared Moses for a future leadership role as he was trained in the household of the King of Egypt, granted the upbringing befitting only a prince. This was quality training that came handy when he had to lead a whole nation on a long journey through the wilderness.

## **SHE EXERCISED UNDILUTED FAITH**

The scripture says He will not allow you to go through more than you can bear. Know therefore that whatever difficulty you are experiencing is a temporary thing. “There hath no temptation taken you but as is common to man; God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it” 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Beloved, though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, fear no evil. Jochebed triumphed through faith. Have faith in God.

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