

## Lessons from Biblical Moms

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### Discussion questions:

- 1) When you think of the many women mentioned in scripture, which ones stand out the most to you? Why? What lessons have you learned from their story?
- 2) Review Exodus 1:16- 2:10.
  - a) Who stood up against Pharaoh's rule to kill all the male babies? How?
  - b) Describe some emotions that the characters in this passage might have been feeling?
  - c) What character traits stand out to you?
  - d) What lessons or encouragements can we take from Moses's origin story? From Jochebed?
- 3) Review 1 Samuel 1:1- 28.
  - a) In this time and culture, being barren or not able to have children brought shame on a woman. When you read the passage, do you think Hannah's prayer comes from desiring to be a mom or to lift the shame from her? Why or why not?
  - b) Read Numbers 30: 1-16. From this knowledge, do you think Elkanah agreed with or supported Hannah's vow?
  - c) What about Hannah stands out to you? (Her character, emotions, actions, etc.)
  - d) What lessons or encouragements can we take from Hannah's story?
- 3) Timothy had two women build him up in the faith and Paul trained him when he took Timothy on the missionary journey.
  - a) Have you ever disciplined anyone in their faith? Share about your experience.
  - b) Who can you be training up, encouraging in the faith right now? Who would you like to pray for that may not be as close to the Lord as you hoped?
  - c) What lessons or encouragement can you take from Lois and Eunice?

Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. **3** When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. **4** And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. **5** Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" **8** And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. **10** When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

**Big Idea:** No matter what our parental status is, we can all learn something from the character of mothers found in scripture.

I. The story of Jochebed, Moses's mother.

Exodus 1: 17-22; Exodus 2: 1- 12; Hebrews 11: 23

Her life circumstance:

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Character strengths:

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What inspires you from her story:

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II. Hannah's Story, Samuel's mother.

1 Samuel 1:1-28; 2:18-21

Her life circumstance:

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Character strengths:

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What resonates with you when you hear Hannah's story:

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III. Lois and Eunice, Timothy's grandmother and mother.

2 Timothy 1: 5-7

Her life circumstance:

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Character strengths:

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Who are you sharing your faith with:

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We can all take encouragement from the lessons of these four mothers:

We can have courage in hardship,  
obedience in sorrow,  
faith in the Lord for the unknown and  
work to train up future generations in the truth.