

“Mass Exodus”  
“What It Takes to Get Things Started”  
Exodus 1:15-22; 2:1-10  
July 8-14, 2018

When the Egyptian midwives were ordered to kill the male Hebrew babies they needed to make some personal decisions based on their fear of the Hebrew God. When Moses was born his mother and sister needed to make some decisions about Moses safety as well as their own. Pharaoh’s daughter needed to decide if she would reach out and accept the Hebrew child despite their differences including the views of her family and the views of her society. It takes fear of God and courage to make such decisions.

**Answer and discuss the following question with your group.**

1. Have you ever been in a circumstance where you felt like you should stand up for or support someone who was an "outsider" or rejected by your family, friends or co-workers, despite the resistance you may receive? Explain the circumstance.

**Read the following excerpt out loud or watch message segment #1.**

An excerpt from the StoneBridge message, “What It Takes to Get Things Started”.

“We are constantly being asked to choose between God and man. I don’t know if it is just in our nature – but we want to be liked. We want to be included. We don’t want to get in trouble. We are asked all the time to do something that is against God’s will.

**Refer to Exodus 1:15-22; 2:1-10  
and answer/discuss the following questions.**

1. How would you explain the difference between being scared of God and having a fear of God to a new Christian?
2. The Egyptian midwives were in a tough spot. If they didn’t kill the Hebrew baby boys, they could be killed by the pharaoh. If they did kill the babies they feared God’s action toward them. Can you think of a time when you were faced with a tough choice the fear of God helped shaped what you did? Please describe the situation and how you responded.
3. Describe how having the fear of God impacts:
  - a. What you say
  - b. What you do
  - c. What you don’t do

**Read the following excerpt out loud or watch message segment #2.**

An excerpt from the StoneBridge message, “What It Takes to Get Things Started”.

“Once again – this passage is full of people with courage. A mom who knows that if the authorities find out that this baby boy is alive – he will be killed. She makes a decision to place him in a basket and put him the Nile River. Perhaps it is the only thing that will bring her some peace. Perhaps someone will find him and raise him – but he can’t stay here or he will die. So she trusts.”

**Answer/discuss the following questions.**

4. Read Psalms 56: 1-4. Why do we find it difficult at times to trust in Jesus and be courageous?
5. Read Acts 4:1-14. Describe the situation in which the disciples found themselves. What gave the disciples courage to take action?
6. Proverbs 29:25 says, “Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.” Have each person in the group restate the proverb as it applies to them. For example: The fear of not having enough money proves to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is provided for.

**Reflection and Wrap-up**

7. Fearing God should come from our understanding of His Word. What can you do in the next month to help increase your understanding of God’s character and commands to help you live as Jesus would want?
8. There are many opportunities in our city, country and world to stand up and make a difference like the midwives, Moses’ mother and Pharaoh’s daughter. What would be some opportunities you would like to participate in to stand up for what is right in the sight of God?

**Pray Together as a Group**

**Additional Study**

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Exodus 20:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:11
- 1 Corinthians 16:13
- Joshua 1:9