

Life Application Notes – Sunday 15th January
Faith under Pressure – Exodus 2 – No Quick Fix

Opening up

Intro Question - Can you think of a time you have tried to 'rush a job' / 'fix something quickly' did it work?

Remind the group that Exodus 2 spans 80 year time period for Israel. Ask people how they read the bible? Do they read a few chapters a day, or a few verses? (No right answers!) Suggest 'Read Scripture' Podcast for those who want to dig deep, John Piper's 'Solid Joys' App is a great intro for those who want to start with a little bit each day.

Digging in

Read Exodus 2.

Remind people of context of whole series – Faith under Pressure. Ex 1v12. As pressure came God's people multiplied.

FOCUS POINT = Point 1 – Maybe spend most time and come back to in response

1. The birth of Moses – God is always in control. Open up Looking at verses 1-10
 - Compare Moses birth to Birth of Jesus. Draw any parallels. It may be worth mentioning the number of Births that have been contested for in the church.
 - Look at the awesomeness of God's plan
 - Look at Jochebed and Miriam – How they were resourceful and demonstrated great Faith and leadership under pressure. Discuss with the group what you feel you learn from there example.

Application- What gifts and situations has God put you in where you could seize the moment / gift just as Miriam and Jochebed did.

Are there any dormant gifts that you are not using for the advance of the Kingdom?

2. Moses Flees to Midian – Nothing is Hidden from God
 - If needed remind yourself of verse v11-15
 - Did Moses mess up the plan? Is it possible to mess up God's plan for your life?
 - Moses acted impulsively. What areas of life do we sometimes act impulsively in? / lack self-control?

Side Point - On Sunday it was mentioned about how Hidden sin holds power over us. If there is any areas of hidden sin in your life, consider speaking to a trusted friend / family member and praying together.

3. God Remembers his people – God is a compassionate God
 - Read verse 24-25 again. Remind everyone that Moses was 80 years old before he came back to Egypt.
 - Does God forget us?
 - Are there areas in our lives that we are waiting on God for? What is the best response? (Hebrews 6v12)

Respond

- Break into pairs or threes – discuss what gifts / abilities God has given you and how you are using them for him.
- If appropriate in groups – point out one another's' Gifting's. Pray for each other, that you would use your gifts to advance the Kingdom.