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**Hidden Heroes of the Bible
“The Women Who Carried a Nation”**

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Exodus 1 :15-22 ¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

Exodus 2: 1-10 ¹ 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.”

God's redemptive plan moves forward because a handful of women decided children mattered.

One of the most powerful lines in the Old Testament: "But the midwives feared God..." God used all of them in ways they could not fully understand simply by loving children and protecting their little lives.

1. Motherhood Is Kingdom Work, Not Lesser Work

The most important thing happening in Egypt was not inside Pharaoh's palace. It was inside Hebrew homes.

2. Mothers Shape the Spiritual Atmosphere of a Home

The question is not: "Will my kids be discipled?" The question is: "By whom?"

3. Motherhood Requires Courage and Sacrifice

Motherhood is loving someone enough to continually release them into God's hands.

4. The Culture Often Undervalues Mothers — But God Does Not

The Kingdom of God has always advanced through ordinary people doing faithful things for a very long time.

5. Parenting Is Spiritual Warfare

The enemy always targets generations. You are not just raising children. You are raising image bearers.

6. Spiritual Mothers Matter Too

Some women have never physically given birth, yet they have spiritually mothered dozens.

7. Jesus Is the Greater Deliverer

Unlike Moses, Jesus would not merely deliver people from slavery to Pharaoh. He would deliver us from slavery to sin.