

# (Exodus) Exodus 2:5-10

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*God intervenes in the life of Moses, using Pharaoh's daughter to adopt him and raise him in the palace, setting the stage for his future greatness.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of God's intervention in our lives. He highlights the story of Moses and how God orchestrated events to save him from Pharaoh's decree to kill all Hebrew baby boys. Miriam, Moses' sister, plays a crucial role in suggesting to Pharaoh's daughter that she should call a Hebrew woman to nurse the child. Pharaoh's daughter agrees and Moses is raised as her own son. The preacher also mentions that Moses would have been the next Pharaoh, but instead, he spends 40 years in the court of Pharaoh before eventually becoming the leader of the Israelites.

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## Transcript

And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river. This is marvelous to me. Here's where the hand of the Lord now is revealed.

The Lord's gonna intervene, but you gotta be sensible first. And she's been sensible. And her maidens walked along by the river's side, and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

Now, she came down to the Nile River to wash. I have several comments to make there. I went to the place that they say was the place where Moses was put in the bulrushes.

Well, my comment is that that would be no place for Pharaoh's daughter to take a bath. She'd be dirtier coming out than she would be going in. That's the first comment.

The second is, it sure is a public place, and I don't think Pharaoh's daughter went to a place like that in that day. They were very uncivilized back there. They didn't believe in nudism as we do today.

We are, you know, free and believe in freedom today and expressing ourselves and communicating and opening up our minds and all that nonsense. Back there, they were very uncivilized, as you can see. So I'm sure that was a much more secluded spot than was shown me.

But anyway, the important thing here is that God's overruling now. You see, God can intervene, and it's very well that Miriam, the sister of Moses, was there. And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the babe wept.

And at that moment, it was the right time for the child to cry. In fact, at that very moment, the Lord pinched little Moses, and he let out a yelp. And God brought together two things, I tell you, friends, that He's put together in this world.

One is a baby's cry in a woman's heart, and Pharaoh's daughter there just couldn't pass it by. And she had compassion on him and said, this is one of the Hebrews' children. Then said his sister, and she's right there to make the suggestion to Pharaoh's daughter, shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? That was a very helpful suggestion of Miriam.

And by the way, Miriam is not going to let her young brother Moses forget that later on, by the way. You see, this is a very human story we're reading. Let's get rid, when we read the Bible, friends, of all this pious nonsense and get down to the nitty-gritty and find out what God's really trying to tell us today, because I think He's speaking to us on every page of this book.

Now will you notice, and Pharaoh's daughter said to her, go. It was a good suggestion. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

My friend, this is a real turn of events, and it shows how God really moves when we act sensibly and move by faith sensibly. Now the very mother of the child is called to nurse her own baby and is going to be paid for it. You can't beat that, friends, and you can't beat God when He is really moving in our hearts and lives.

Now notice this, and Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child and nursed it, and the child grew. And she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son.

Now don't let that go by, because that is very meaningful and includes a great deal. And she called his name Moses, for she said, because I drew him out of the water. And the word means to draw out.

She had drawn him out of the water, and that was the meaning of his name. Now this is very important for us to see, and I must take just a moment here to dwell on this. And he spent 40 years yonder in the court of Pharaoh, and he was the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter.

And at that time, by the way, there was a queen that was childless, and Moses would have been the next Pharaoh, by the way.

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