

A Slave and A Princess

I. Slide1 Announce:

- A. **Slide2** Food Drive Tomorrow: Mon. 9-11am.
- B. **Slide3,4** Mothers & Video.
- C. *Worship*
- D. **Slide5a** Happy Mother's Day: Mothers of every age [in pregnancy now *to* 80-year-old moms] Whether you're **actively** raising children, **or** a **stepparent**, **fostering**, acting as a *safe family* (helping a family temporarily to keep a family in tact), **adoption**, **or** a **grandparent** who is now in the *role as parent*. **Or** maybe you're **not** an "official mother" **but** you've brought *someone else's older youth* into your home to help **Slide5b** them out in their situation. *To you all we say Happy Mother's Day. [My mom pic]*
- E. Prayer for Mothers: God we **thank You** for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of *every precious human life* from its very beginning in the womb. **Strengthen** her **faith**; give her **courage** in times of fear or pain, **understanding** in times of uncertainty and doubt; and **hope** in times of trouble. Give her **joy** in fulfilling her motherly calling. **May** they understand the importance of being their child's **1st teacher & spiritual guide**. **Send** Your Holy Spirit to all mothers who **sorrow** for children that have *died*, are *ill* or *estranged* from their families, **or** who are in *trouble* or *danger* of any kind. **Help** grieving mothers to rely on **Your tender mercy** and **fatherly love** for all your children. **May Your Holy Spirit** constantly **inspire** and **strengthen** them. And Lord, please *say hello* to those of us who mom's are up with You.

II. Slide6 Intro:

- A. **THE MOMMY TEST** - A mother describes, I was out walking with my 4-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her **not** to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked. "Because it's been laying outside, you don't know where it's been, it's dirty

and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Wow! How do you know all this stuff?" "Uhhh," I was thinking quickly, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mommy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mommy." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "Oh! I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy." "Exactly," I replied back with a big smile on my face and joy in my heart.

- B. **Mother**, *A woman who conceives, gives birth to, OR raises and nurtures a child.*
1. Sydney J. Harris, *The commonest fallacy among women is that simply having children makes one a mother-which is as absurd as believing that having a piano makes one a musician.*
 2. I know some women who have not conceived a child of their own, but who have been a mother, by every description of the word, to many children. (mother Theresa)
- C. **Slide7 My Title: A Slave & A Princess. 2 moms**, *used by God to preserve, prepare & prop up Israel's Redeemer* (Moses).

III. **Slide8 A PRINCESS** (Pharaoh's Daughter)

- A. Acts 7:20-22 nlt *At that time Moses was born - a beautiful child in God's eyes. His parents cared for him at home for three months. 21 When they had to abandon him (when he was exposed), Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and raised him as her own son. 22 Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action* (words & deeds).
1. She adopted Moses. Took care of him for 40 years.
 2. Jewish people honor men and women whom they designate as righteous gentiles. These are people who, though nonbelievers, have assisted God's people in some significant way. [Oscar Shindler, Corrie Ten Boom] *Rt amg nations*

3. I think Pharaoh's daughter would top the list of *righteous Gentiles*. Courageously and compassionately delivering a child from death, a child who would one day act as Israel's great deliver.
4. Do you realize *while Pharaoh* was trying his best to *murder* the Hebrew babies; his *daughter* was using *royal funds* keeping one alive.
That's so like our God!

B. **Slide9** Heb.11:24,25 esv *By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

1. *Refused to be called her son, ouch*, after 40 years!
2. Moses finds his roots, & that's a good thing. In vs.25-28 he gives all the reasons why he would *leave Egypt, lead his people, & follow God*. But I say, *that still had to sting his adoptive mom*.

a) Moms, children can break yur heart. Grown children can break em even more

C. **Slide10a** In Scripture we have every kind of mother (300 x's): rich moms, poor moms, single moms, widowed moms, moms that suffered hardships, moms that seemed to have had an easy life. One mom that brought the Messiah into the world, & another that boiled & ate her son (2 Kings 6:29).

1. **Unfortunately**, not all mothers, in *character*, are worthy of salutation; but most definitely *the office of Mother* is *worthy*, no matter how one has disgraced it.

a) Scripture makes it clear to *honor your parents*. Remember these 3 things: Every parent is **flawed**. They brought you **into** the world. **And** God chose their DNA to make you **you**. *Their exact DNA*. [23chrom+23=46]

b) **Slide10b** Ps.139:13,16 *nlt* says, *13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.*

(1) What that's saying is *God was there in conception*. He recorded every day of your life *before* you were born. It's why we are *pro-life*. *Abortion short-circuits the will of God.*

(2) *You are not an accident*. Rick Warren said it well, *There are accidental parents but no accidental babies*. *Your parents may not have planned you, but God did!*

c) **Slide11** Let's watch this *short video* by a Canadian, *Laura Klassen*.

D. *So we met The Princess mom, who, while dad was having the Hebrew babies murdered; she was using Royal Funds keeping 1 alive. Let's meet The Slave mom.*

IV. **Slide12a A SLAVE** (Jochebed)

A. Heb.11:23 reads, *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict*. This actually has to do with the faith of Moses *Parents*.

1. Their names were **Amram & Jochebed**. Both of the tribe of *Levi*.

2. They had 2 other children whom we know: **Aaron**, the oldest. **Miriam**, Moses' older sister. *And then they had baby Mo.*

3. *It was at a very dark time* for Israel. When Pharaoh commanded the Hebrew midwives to **murder** all the males immediately upon birth.

a) *Young parents, don't be afraid of raising a child during this time*. I think every one of us as parents thought the same thing (ours was rt after cold war, threat of nuclear holocaust, + *early 80's Jesus coming back!*)

B. *Moses parent's came up w/this creative plan to float him right into Pharaoh's palace.*

1. **Slide12b Now**, he wasn't **shootin the rapids** as in some coloring books. She laid the **lil ark** in the reeds, by the rivers bank.

2. When Pharaoh figured out with the **midwives** were doing, he ordered his **soldiers to drown every newborn male** in the waters of the **crocodile-infested-waters of the Nile** (a key deity/god at the time/Hapi).
 - a) **Slide13a** So Jochebed **prayed & planned &** would **trust** God to help them.
 - b) Pharaoh wanted these babies *in the Nile*, so in the Nile he went...*sorta!*
- C. **Jochebed's Faith** paid *immediate dividends* as she got **paid** to be a **wet-nurse** to her own child. **And** to **raise him** during the *early & most formative years* of his life.
1. **So, Amram** (*friend of Jehovah*) & **Jochebed** (*Jehovah is her Glory*) were the **molders & shapers** of Moses faith during **the early years** (Ex.2:9,10).
 - a) Moses became aware of his own **origins**, was taught to **fear God**, was made aware of his **call to deliver** his people. *As Acts 7:25 attests to this, For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.* [moms: formative yrs so imp!]
 - b) **Slide13b** Their *faith, prayers, bravery, & their creativity* saved their son.
 - c) *What an encouragement for those of us who are attempting to raise a godly family in today's secular desert. Kent Hughes [Great reminder to: quit whining about how bad our world is & start being creative on how to pour into our children]*
- D. **Slide13c Personal Lesson Parents: Don't Fear the Pharaoh's.**
1. Do your best to *point your children to Jesus* & entrust your children into **His care.**
 2. **New mom's & dad's...**since your children are *only yours on loan...*entrust God with your child, & show your faith **by** making a little ark, **and** floating your child *in the reeds of God's Nile* when asked. *That's baby dedication.*
 3. **Of course you can come up with a 100 reasons** why you **can't** [what if waves come, what if it's not-waterproof, what if he's found, taken, **or** drowned by the Egyptians, what if...] *Don't Fear the worlds Pharaoh's.*

- E. God used **2 women**, **2 moms** (a slave & a princess) to preserve the life of Israel's future deliver and so preserve the entire Jewish race.
1. God used **a basket**. An ordinary **object**, for an extraordinary **purpose**.
 2. **Slide13d** It seems that God loves to bring about His will through **ordinary items**, **ordinary people**, and **ordinary events**...and still does so **today**.
- F. If I asked you moms to *describe yourself as a mother*. You'd probably drop your head, because you probably will focus on the **mistakes** or on **what went wrong**.
- G. What is **success** or **failure** in raising children? If **behavior** is the key, **then** all it takes to be a **failure** is **1 misbehavior**. That can't be it.
1. The goal **isn't** making your children **be good**, but instead **glorifying God** in their lives. *Bearing fruit*. "Great, mine aren't even walking w/the Lord." **Yet!** Think of Paul/Saul's mom. *How you doing son? Killing more Christians?* He was playing a very religious role, but later in life ran right into **Jesus**.
 2. This is a **stormy season** for moms. But you are **chosen** not **forsaken**.
 - a) Our worship team wants you to **join them** in this last song. Singing, *I am chosen not forsaken. I am who YOU say I am.*
 - b) This is how you should *describe yourself* as a **Mom!**
- H. End
- I. Final Wrap up:
- J. **Moms**, allow God to bring about His will through **YOU**...an ordinary person, w/your **ordinary items**, through **ordinary events**.
- K. Kids here's your goal today, Prov.23:25 says, *Give your father and MOTHER joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.*