

Thankful Thursday



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BABY MOSES: EXODUS 1-2 V10

The story of Exodus begins with 2 brave and defiant mid-wives who refuse to carry out the King's orders and kill baby boys. This new year—is there something you need to begin an Exodus from and if so what do you firstly need to say no to?

Then we have the more familiar story of Moses' mum. There are 2 phrases that speak to all mothers in this passage: "She saw how wonderful the baby was" verse 2—how wonderful are babies just to stare and marvel at—do take the time to do that as they grow so quickly. However—unable to keep him quiet and hidden after 3 months she takes the brave step of hiding him in a basket on the river—watched by his sister. I can't believe this was an abandonment of her precious baby, more a hiding plan to avoid the baby killers. Either way it was clearly part of God's plan as it worked out for the best as eventually the Mum got paid to nurse her own baby in the palace!! She did however have to give him up for adoption to the Princess—but he wasn't killed.

The second phrase that spoke to me, as to all mothers was that of the Princess on finding the baby:" she saw the baby boy, he was crying and she felt sorry for him." There is nothing quite as heart piercing as a baby's distressed cry.

This season our church is looking at how to go deeper into discipleship through exploring our vulnerabilities. Too many of us hide our own tears and sadness away. Like Moses' mum, we try to build something that will hide the sadness from the outside world and once hidden we hope it will float away from us.

My challenge to you is to open your baskets and let your own crying be heard. Let us share our vulnerabilities with Jesus, the Prince of Peace—let us truly be adopted into his family and then our heavy loads will float away as he forgives us, restores us and draws us into deeper discipleship with him.

Love & Prayers Claire xx



"He was crying and she felt sorry for him" Exodus 2 v 6

Cry out to your Father in heaven and he will have mercy on you.