

mother's day

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Sermon Study - 5.10.2026

Leader's Corner

The True Heroes Behind Heroes

Exodus 1-4

Summary - This Mother's Day message reminds us that some of the most powerful work God does happens quietly, faithfully, and behind the scenes. Before Moses ever stood before Pharaoh or encountered the burning bush, there were courageous women—Shiphrah and Puah—who feared God and chose faithfulness over comfort. Their hidden obedience shaped the future of an entire nation. This message honors mothers and all those who faithfully “midwife” life, faith, healing, and hope in ordinary moments that often go unseen.

Main Passage - Exodus 1:15–21; Exodus 3–4

Main Idea - God often changes the world through ordinary people who faithfully obey Him in unseen moments.

Main Practice - Choose faithfulness over recognition, courage over comfort, and obedience over applause.

Prayer and Praise

Prayer (Liturgical Tone)

Faithful God,
You see what the world overlooks.
You honor the hidden places,
The quiet obedience,
The whispered prayers,
The unseen sacrifices.

Thank You for the women, mothers, grandmothers, mentors, and spiritual mothers
Who have shaped lives through steady faithfulness.

Strengthen those who are weary.
Comfort those carrying grief or disappointment today.
Remind us that no act of love done in Your name is wasted.

Teach us to fear You more than the voices around us.
Give us courage in ordinary moments.
And help us become people who quietly help others encounter freedom, healing, and life in Jesus.

In Christ's name, Amen.

Worship Song Suggestions

- “Goodness of God” – Bethel Music
- “The Blessing” – Kari Jobe & Cody Carnes
- “Firm Foundation” – Maverick City Music

Group Discussion

Opening

- What stood out to you most from this week's message?
- Why do you think we tend to overlook "behind-the-scenes" faithfulness?

Choose some discussion questions from each of the following categories.

Part 1 – The Courage of Hidden Faithfulness

- Read Exodus 1:15–21. What risk were the midwives taking by refusing Pharaoh's command?
- What does the passage specifically say motivated their actions?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to obey God when no one else notices?
- Why do you think the midwives acted courageously without needing miraculous signs or reassurance?
- Where are you currently tempted toward comfort over obedience?
- What is one quiet or unseen area where God may be inviting you into greater faithfulness this week?

Part 2 – The True Heroes Behind Heroes

- Why is it significant that Moses' story begins with the courage of others?
- Who are some "hidden heroes" who shaped your faith or life?
- Have you ever underestimated the impact of your encouragement, service, or presence?
- Compare the faith of the midwives with Moses' initial response in Exodus 3–4. What differences do you notice?
- Where might God be asking you to trust that hidden faithfulness still matters deeply?
- Take a moment and identify someone behind the scenes who has impacted your life. How can you honor or encourage them this week?

Part 3 – Midwifing Faith in Everyday Moments

- Where are you currently "showing up faithfully" in ways that feel repetitive or unnoticed?
- Why do you think God so often works through ordinary faithfulness instead of dramatic moments?
- Are there areas where discouragement has caused you to question whether your efforts matter?
- How would your perspective shift if you believed God deeply values unseen faithfulness?
- What is one practical way you can "midwife" life, hope, healing, or faith in someone this week?

Practice

Group Practice

Spend a few minutes sharing:

1. A person who quietly shaped your life or faith
2. An unseen area where you're trying to remain faithful
3. A place where you need courage instead of comfort right now

Then pray over one another specifically:

- For weary parents and caregivers
- For people serving faithfully in hidden places
- For courage to obey God even when it costs something

Individual Practice (Weekly Challenge)

This week:

- Notice one unseen act of faithfulness happening around you and intentionally encourage that person
- Practice one act of quiet obedience without needing recognition
- Pray daily: "Lord, help me be faithful with what's in front of me."

Further Study

Scripture

- Exodus 1:15–21 – The Hebrew midwives
- Exodus 3–4 – Moses and the burning bush
- Luke 15:11–32 – The Prodigal Son
- Colossians 3:17, 23–24 – Working for the Lord
- Galatians 6:9 – Do not grow weary in doing good
- Hebrews 6:10 – God does not overlook faithful service

Theological Reflection

The Kingdom of God often advances through hidden faithfulness long before public breakthrough. Before Moses stood at the Red Sea, two women quietly feared God more than Pharaoh. Heaven measures significance differently than the world does.