# BEING AN AVAILABLE MOTHER

# Exodus 2:1-10

We cannot forget today, one human being who unselfishly gives herself to her children time and time again, without asking for anything in return. If your life has been blessed by the touch of a godly mother, then you have enjoyed one of this world's greatest virtue, treasures and blessings. Not everyone has enjoyed this great blessing but those who have will go to their grave remembering the love of their mother.

Jochebed stands out as one of the greatest mothers revealed in the pages of Scripture. Her selfless love, availability and sacrifice made possible the exodus of God's people from Egypt and literally changed the course of history. God has a word for you this morning. Join me as we look together at the lessons attached to Jochebed an available mother. Available mothers must:

# I. KEEP HER CREDENTIALS V. 1

The credential of an available mother must be found in Christ Jesus. You are an heavenly candidate. You have been bought with a price. You are a new creation. You are earnestly awaited by all creations to manifest the glory of God.

While we are one the subject, allow me to insert the truth that every person needs the Lord Jesus Christ! My friend, more than you need your next breath or your next heartbeat, you need Jesus and His salvation. It is the one credential you need to miss hell and enter into heaven when you die - Acts 4:12; John 3:3, 7.

# II. KEEP HER COURAGE V. 2

Life not better now, just like then. Joshebed refused to give in to a godless system that would have cost her the life of her son in her time.

Parents who are willing to say, "Enough is enough, my child is going to learn the way of the Lord!" People who will declare the same thing Joshua declared for His family, Josh. 24:15. We need some courageous people in these times!

# III. KEEP HER CONFIDENCE V. 3, 9-10

By confidence, I am referring to faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Jochebed was a woman motivated by a strong faith in the will of a Sovereign God! Her faith was so strong that she was named, along with her husband, to God's Hall of the Faithful in Hebrews 11:23. She needed this kind of faith to accomplish what she did for the Lord and for her son. She needed faith to:

* *Resist The World V. 2*  - The world was crying out for the death of her son, but a n available mother with confidence stood strong in the face of this attack and placed her son above the will of the world!
* *Release The Child V. 3b* - It took faith to place the child in the river. This was the same instrument which was being used to destroy the other babies, Ex. 1:22.
* *Raise The Child V. 9-10* - It took great faith for the mother to raise this child under those evil conditions. However, she was given the opportunity to teach Moses about Jehovah, about true worship and about right living.

# IV. KEEP HER CHARITY V. 9-10

This refers to the wonderful way in which she gave out of her life.

* *She Gave Of Her Self V. 2-3, 9-10* - She poured out her life into the life of her son.
* *She Gave Her Son V. 10* - Jochebed was raising her son to give him to the Lord. She gave up her son to save her nation, even though she didn't realize all that she was doing.

# V. KEEP HER COMPENSATION

Her son became a great man of God. The deliverer of the people of God and the one who was destined to be known as the Great Lawgiver Of Israel.

Parents, you never know who you are raising! Hannah, Mary, Elizabeth, all raise further leaders.

Conclusion: Jochebed stands, even after all these years, as an available and godly mother.

Today would be a great day for lives and families to be touched and brought to the place God wants them to be. As the Lord speaks right now, won't you come and do what you need to do?

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**HYMNS**

FUN WA NILE ONIGBAGBAO

1. Fun wa nile Onigbagbo,

Ile ti a nkeko Bibeli,

Ile ti a nlepa ‘fe Baba;

‘Le ti ‘fe Re f’ ewa de l’ade;

***Olorun Baba wa,***

***Fun wa n’ile Onigbagbo.***

2. Fun wa nile Onigbagbo,

Nibiti bale je oloto,

Ile to bo lowo asise;

Ile ti nyo fun ‘fe at’ orin;

***Olorun Baba wa,***

***Fun w anile Onigbagbo***

3. Fun wa nile Onigbagbo,

Nibiti iya-ile b’ayba,

Nfihan p’ ona re lo dara ju;

Ile t’a gb’Olugbala l’aye;

***Olorun Baba wa,***

***Fun wa nile Onigbagbo.***

4. Fun wa nile Onigbagbo,

Nibiti a nto awon ‘mode,

Lati mo Kristi to feran won;

Ile ti a ntanna adura;

***Olorun Baba wa,***

***Fun w anile Onigbabgbo.***

# BH 377

1. God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the Bible is loved and taught,

Homes where the Master's will is sought,

Homes crowned with beauty Thy love hath wrought;

***God, give us Christian homes;***

***God, give us Christian homes!***

2. God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the father is true and strong,

Homes that are free from the blight of wrong,

Homes that are joyous with love and song;

***God, give us Christian homes;***

***God, give us Christian homes!***

3. God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the mother, in queenly quest,

Strives to show others Thy way is best,

Homes where the Lord is an honored guest;

***God, give us Christian homes;***

***God, give us Christian homes!***

4. God, give us Christian homes!

Homes where the children are led to know

Christ in His beauty Who loves them so,

Homes where the altar fires bum and glow;

***God, give us Christian homes;***

***God, give us Christian homes!. Amen***

**YBH 337**  
   
1. MO ti se ‘leri, Jesu,  
Lati sin O d’ opin;  
Ma wa lodo mi titi,  
Baba mi, Ore mi,

Emi k’ y’o beru ogun,  
B’ Iwo ba sunmo mi,  
Emi ki y’o si sina,  
B’ O ba f’ ona han mi.

2. ‘Wo ti se ‘leri Jesu  
F’ awon t’ o tele O,  
Pe ibikibi t’ O wa,  
L’ awon yio si wa;

Mo ti se ‘leri Jesu,  
Lati sin O d’ opin,  
Je kin ma to O lehin,  
Baba mi, O re mi.

3. Je kin mo p’ O sunmo mi,  
‘Tor’ ibaje aiye;  
Aiye fe gba okan mi,  
Aiye fe tan mi je,

Ota yi mi kakiri,  
L’ ode ati ninu;  
Sugbon Jesu sunmo mi,  
Dabobo okan mi.

4. Je ki emi k’ o ma gbo,  
Ohun Re, Jesu mi,  
Ninu igbi aiye yi,  
Titi nigbagbogbo,

So k’ o f’ okan mi bale,  
Te ‘ri okan mi ba;  
So k’ emi le gbo Tire,  
‘Wo Olutoju mi.

## BH 386

1. O Jesus, I have promised

To serve Thee to the end;

Be Thou forever near me,

My Master and my friend;

I shall not fear the battle

If Thou art by my side,

Nor wonder from the pathway

If Thou wilt be my guide.

2. O Jesus, Thou hast promised

To all who follow Thee,

That where Thou art in glory

There shall Thy servant be;

And, Jesus, I have promised

To serve Thee to the end;

O give me grace to follow

My Master and mv friend.

3. O let me feel Thee near me!

The world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle,

The tempting sounds I hear;

My foes are ever near me,

Around me and within;

But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer

And shield my soul from sin.

4. O let me hear Thee speaking

In accents clear and still,

Above the storms of passion,

The murmurs of self-will.

O speak to reassure me,

To hasten or control!

O speak, and make me listen,

Thou guardian of my soul! ***Amen.***