

# Dilemma & Deliverance

## God Delivers a Deliverer to Deliver His People Exodus 2:1-10 & Acts 7:20-22

*Moses spent forty years thinking he was somebody;  
forty years learning he was nobody; and forty years discovering what  
God can do with a nobody. — D.L. Moody*

### The Dilemma: A Fearful Pharaoh

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. <sup>9</sup> “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. (Exodus 1:8–9)

*Sin is any act, any thought, desire, emotion, word, or deed, or its particular absence that displeases God and deserves blame. Sin is a culpable and personal affront to a personal God....Christians have discovered that sin is not only personal but also interpersonal and even suprapersonal....Sin is more than the sum of what sinners do. Sin acquires the powerful and elusive form of a spirit, the spirit of an age or of a company or of a nation or of a political movement. Sin burrows into the bowels of institutions and traditions, making home there and taking them over. —Cornelius Plantinga*

### A Deliverer: A Faithful Family

- The Delivery of Moses

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. (Exodus 2:1-2)

By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. (Hebrews 11:23)

*Children do not flourish unless they are raised by faith and not by fear.*  
—Philip Ryken

- The Deliverance of Moses

But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. (Exodus 2:3-4)

- The Development of Moses

Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.” (Exodus 2:9-10)

“At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family. <sup>21</sup> When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. <sup>22</sup> Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action. (Acts 7:20-22)

*The amazing irony of God’s divine plan was that this one whom the princess renamed, nurtured, reared, and educated in all the ways of the Egyptians, became the instrument of judgment in the very court where he grew up. —Charles Swindoll*

### The Deliverer: Worthy of Greater Honor

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. <sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. (Hebrews 3:1–3)

The point, then, is that God works not so much *despite* our circumstances as in them, through them, with them.  
—Paul Enns

