

Jochebed, Fulfilled God's Purpose in Her Life

Character Study in the Life of Moses

Exodus 2:1-10

*Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, 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***

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. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:3-4

Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.

*"This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. **Exodus 2:5-6***

*Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" **Exodus 2:7***

"Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you."

Exodus 2:8-9a

So the woman took the baby and nursed him. 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

Functions and Spiritual Gifts in the Church

- Ephesians 4:11–13
- 1 Corinthians 12–14
- Romans 12:6–8
- 1 Peter 4:10–11

**What is God's design for my life?
Am I fulfilling it to the fullest?**

**As believers and members
of the Church,
we fulfill our responsibility
voluntarily.**

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

The first step, in fulfilling God's will in your life is your faith and trust in Him.

You must be so saturated with the Bible that you begin to think and understand the will of God and His way of thinking.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

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*By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. **Hebrews 11:24-25***

God's Design for Our Lives

1. God has a purpose for every life.

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. **Psalms 139:13-14***

My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together

in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalm 139:15-16

2. God's Will can be diverted in your life.

God's design for our lives.

Three Aspects of God's Will in Our Lives

- 1. God's intended will—
perfect creation, Garden of Eden**
- 2. God's permissive will—
after sin entered the world, consequences**
- 3. God's ultimate will—
heaven**

“God can use any vessel, even if it’s cracked, as long as it’s clean.”

— A.W. Tozer

3. Finding God’s Will takes effort.
God’s design for our lives.

**Pray as if everything depended
upon God and then work as
though everything depends on
you.**

*And without faith it is impossible
to please God, because anyone
who comes to him must believe
that he exists and that he rewards
those who earnestly seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6

**4. Sometimes, to fulfill God’s Will
takes risks.**
God’s design for our lives.

God sized vision

“We’re going to try something so big that if God isn’t in it, we’re going to fail.”

We live by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

5. Understanding God’s Will takes time. God’s design for our lives.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

James 1:13

There are some times when things happen fcompletely outside of God's Will

*“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. **Matthew 23:37***

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