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Exodus #1

## Stay True when the Ground Shifts!

Abraham (Sarah) - Isaac (Rebekah) - Jacob/Israel (Rachel) - Joseph in Egypt - - - - ->

<sup>1</sup> These are the sons of **Israel (Jacob)** who moved to Egypt with their father, each with his family... <sup>5</sup> In all, Jacob had seventy descendants in Egypt, including **Joseph, who was already there...** <sup>6</sup> In time, Joseph and all of his brothers died, ending that entire generation. <sup>7</sup> But their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and grandchildren. In fact, they **multiplied** so greatly that they became exceedingly **numerous** and filled the land. **Exodus 1:1-7**

<sup>8</sup> Eventually, a **new king came to power** in Egypt who knew nothing of Joseph or what he had done. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. <sup>10</sup> We must make a plan to keep them from growing. If we don't, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country!"

<sup>11</sup> So the Egyptians made the Israelites **their slaves**. They appointed slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. <sup>12</sup> But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, alarming the Egyptians <sup>13</sup> who worked them ruthlessly. <sup>14</sup> They made their lives bitter with **forced labor** in brick and mortar and work in the fields. In all their **hard labor** the Egyptians used them ruthlessly. **Exodus 1:8-14**

➤ Remember God's promise in plenty, difficulty, & change \_\_\_!

<sup>15</sup> Then **Pharaoh**, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the **Hebrew midwives**, Shiphrah and Puah: <sup>16</sup> "When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live."

<sup>17</sup> But because the midwives **feared God**, they **refused to obey** the king's orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.

<sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. "**Why have you done this?**" he demanded. "Why have you allowed the boys to live?" <sup>19</sup> "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women," the midwives replied. "They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time."

<sup>20</sup> So **God was good to the midwives**, and the Israelites **continued** to multiply, growing more numerous. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he **gave them families** of their own. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live." **Exodus 1:15-22**

➤ Trust God's presence when things get really tough \_\_\_!

➤ Live in God's power, trusting his authority over other's tyranny \_\_\_!

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### **Growth**

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### **Relationships**

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### **Relevance**

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### **Involvement**

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### **Truth**

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

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"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"