



Arms Opened Wide
Exodus 1:15 – 2: 10 (NIV)

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1. In the face of profound hardship and injustice, we are called to be God's _____.

¹⁷ *The midwives, however, **feared God** and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.*

- **Key Question:** When you are at a crossroads, how do you discern which road to take – the wide, easy one or the narrow, more difficult one?

² *Do not conform 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.*

AN EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW: Shiprah & Puah!

2. A godly person has might and power _____ to overcome whatever obstacles are being faced.

¹⁹ *The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." ²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.*

- **Like Shiprah and Puah, our lives have great potential to be significant too! Where is God inviting you to take a stand?**
3. When you have nothing left but God, then for the first time you become aware that _____!

OTHERS WHO DISCOVERED THIS TRUTH:

Pharaoh's Daughter, Moses' Mother, & Moses' Sister

BOTTOM LINE: God wants us to be a part of God's story, to leave a legacy of blessing the next generation, as we open our arms wide.



DOGGY BAG... SOMETHING TO CHEW ON:

1. How much do you know about your birth story?
2. What do you fear? When is fear good?
3. Who do you see as the biggest hero in this passage? Why?
4. Pharaoh's daughter felt sorry for Moses despite her father's ruling. Have you ever felt love for someone other's oppressed or neglected?
5. What is the most important need God met in this story? How can you be a part of God's story and help meet the important needs in our community?
6. Who is someone that has demonstrated selflessness to you?