



**MOTHERS: BUILDERS OF THE FUTURE – Pastor Alton Trimble
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FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE: Exodus 2:1-10 (NLT)

Observations of Moses mother's actions:

1. Mothers must see in their children God's purpose and influence.

v2 *"She saw he was a special baby"*

2. Mothers must hide / protect their children today like never before: internet, gender issues, delinquency, peripheral cultures.

v2 – *"She hid him three months"*

Hebrews 11:23 (NLT)

²³ *It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.*

3. You are building today for his/her move tomorrow

v3 – *"But when she could no longer hide him"*

4. Build an Ark for your children.

v3 *"She got a basket made of papyrus reeds and water-proofed it"*

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

⁶ *Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.*

What children need from their mother?

i. *A sense that they are wanted*

Psalms 127:3 (NLT)

³ *Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.*

ii. *A sense that they are protected*

Genesis 21:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ *But Sarah saw Ishmael—the son of Abraham and her Egyptian servant Hagar—making fun of her son, Isaac. ¹⁰ So she turned to Abraham and demanded, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son. He is not going to share the inheritance with my son, Isaac. I won't have it!"*

iii. *A model of spirituality*

2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

⁵ *I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice.*

iv. *A model of faith*

2 Kings 4:20-23 (NLT)

²⁰ *So the servant took him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But around noontime he died.* ²¹ *She carried him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and left him there.* ²² *She sent a message to her husband: “Send one of the servants and a donkey so that I can hurry to the man of God and come right back.”* ²³ *“Why go today?” he asked. “It is neither a new moon festival nor a Sabbath.” But she said, “It will be all right.”*

v. *A model of unforgettable love*

Isaiah 49:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ *“Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!*

vi. *A model of stick-to-it-tiveness*

John 19:25 (NLT)

²⁵ *Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene.*

vii. *Results in mother being honored*

Proverbs 31:28 (NLT)

²⁸ *Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:*

5. The importance of the Ark

Exodus 2:3 (NLT)

³ *But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River.*

6. Mother don’t allow your child’s position to obscure your vision of divine condition

Exodus 2:7-9 (NLT)