

Proverbs 1:8 *“Do not forsake the law of your mother.*

Jochebed

A. Jochebed, the mother of Moses.

- [Exodus 6:20](#)
Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.
- [Numbers 26:59](#)
the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, a descendant of Levi, who was born to the Levites in Egypt.
- *To Amram she bore Aaron, Moses and their sister Miriam.*
- **She lived in difficult times, and had limited say over**

Exodus 2

The Birth of Moses

1 Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 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. 3 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. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

- **Yet she used what opportunity she did have to affect his growth and development.**
- **She exercised bold faith by refusing to put him to death** (Ex. 1:15–16; 2:24). *15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, 16 "When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live."*
- **God honored her faith not only by preserving the baby's life, but also by arranging circumstances that allowed Jochebed to serve as his nurse—and mother** (Ex. 2:5–10). *5 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. 6 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.*
- *7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"*
- *8 "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. 9 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. 10 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."*

B. Jochebed helped to shape her son's character

- **The fact that as an adult he unashamedly identified with the Hebrews and the God of Israel, despite his connections to the royal court, is a testimony to Jochebed's influence during those formative years (Heb. 11:24–26).**

C. As a mother, you probably have much more opportunity than Jochebed to influence your child.

- **Are you taking advantage of those few short years of your young one's childhood to make a positive, lasting contribution, to the glory of God?**
- **Or are you allowing the prevailing culture to have the dominant impact on your child's development?**

2. The truly Christian mother

2 Timothy 1: 1-7

Timothy

I thank God that I have received a fresh reminder of that sincere faith which is in you, a faith of the same kind as first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and which, I am convinced dwells in you too.

Eunice (2 Tim. 1:5) was a woman of Faith, which she shared in common with Lois, her mother (2 Tim. 1:5).

- **Eunice imparted that faith to her son, Timothy.**
- **An encouragement for every woman faced with the task of nurturing the spiritual life of her children.**
- **She had two things going for her that offer hope for mothers today—the inherent power of being a mother and the dynamic power of a loving God.**

Timothy was favored in both his mother and grandmother!

How could that faith of his mother and grandmother influence his ministry?

- **Courage.**
- **Power.**
- **Love.**
- **Self discipline.**

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Moses and Timothy. Where would they have been without their praying Spirit led mothers?

- **Or, Augustine, John Newton, the Wesley brothers. Their names would never have lighted the pages of history had it not been for the blessed influence of godly mothers.**

What a tragedy to neglect the counsel of a godly mother. What eternal consequences to reject her God.

“Do not forsake THE LAW OF YOUR MOTHER.