

GOD ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS BEST

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- **God is very great.**
- **God is All-Powerful (Omnipotent).**
- **God is All-Present (Omnipresent).**
- **God is All-Knowledgeable
(Omniscient).**

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- **There is “nothing” He cannot do.**
- **ALL things are in His hand and He holds ALL things in His hands.**

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- **Sometimes people say: “If God is very great, why does He let me be sick, or sad, or have problems? Why do troubles come?”**
- **Even when we are sick, sad, have problems, or when troubles come, we must believe that God loves us, and that He does what is best for us.**

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- **HE knows what is good for all of us even though it may not seem best to us.**
- **And we must also realize that most times while we are going through a difficult time, God is building us up so that “many” can be blessed at the end.**
- **We can sometimes be so caught up in our own “things” – yet God is looking at the BIG PICTURE.**

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- **Remember, we are NOT the center of the universe and everything does NOT revolve around us – everything revolves around God.**
- **I'll say that again, we are NOT the center of the universe and everything does NOT revolve around us – everything revolves around God.**

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Let's now study 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. (v.1-2)
- Pharaoh had issued a degree that all Hebrew boys should be killed. Can you imagine the trauma of hiding your baby son from soldiers for an hour, a few hours, a day, a few days, a week, a few weeks, or 3 months?
- This young mother was going through a terrible trial.

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- **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. (v.3)**
- **Finally, she had to do something. She had to put him in a basket and trust God with her son – totally!!**

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- We can imagine the prayer the mother would say as she placed her son in the basket.
- In the basket we see “safety in Christ”. We saw it in Noah’s Ark. We see it “in Christ” in our daily lives as His children because of His shed blood for us on the cross of Calvary. And we see it in His Words telling us He will never leave us or forsake us. Telling us that no one can snatch us from His hand.
- The “tar and pitch” represent “atonement”. The atonement and salvation we have “in Christ”.

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- His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. (v.4)
- The mother could “not watch” so I am sure she prayed. So the sister stood off to the side “watching” and “praying”.
- Sometimes things in our lives are too difficult and we just can’t “watch” so we pray.
- Sometimes others will help us
“watch and pray”.

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- **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. (v.5)**
- **Was it “coincidence” that Pharaoh’s daughter was there? Are there any “coincidences” in God’s providential dealings with His children? No, God is Sovereign and in control!!!**

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- **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. (v.6)**
- **The baby was crying. They are so dependent on people. We too must learn to be like a little baby and “cry” out for our Father to save us, rescue us, care for us, and to be held by Him. He answers our cry for Him.**
- **Once in the arms of this woman the baby felt safe. There is safety in the arms of Christ.**

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- **Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. (v.7-8)**
- **The baby was hungry and Pharaoh's daughter recognized the need – the practical need.**

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- **Sometimes we can be so caught up in the “spiritual things” that we forget the practical needs. God looks after us “spiritually”, “mentally”, “physically”. He is a “supernatural” and “practical” God.**

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- **Can you imagine the joy of this mother? This mother who had lost her son and put her trust in God to look after him. Her son was being returned to her.....but now THINGS WERE DIFFERENT!!**

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- **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. (v.9)**
- **Miracle upon miracle.**
- **Grace upon grace.**
- **Mercy upon mercy.**
- **Joy upon joy.**
- **Things went from "terrible" to "unbelievable".**

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- **This mother went from “losing her child” to “BEING ASKED TO NURSE IT” and “BEING PAID TO DO IT.”**
- **God is amazing.**
- **Miracle upon miracle.**
- **Grace upon grace.**
- **Mercy upon mercy.**
- **Joy upon joy.**
- **For those who trust in the living God.**

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- **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." (v.10)**
- **And now Moses was going to be raised by a princess in a castle. It was here that Moses learned all the wisdom of the Egyptians so he could be used of God later in speaking to Pharaoh. But more than that – God had a “higher purpose” beyond that – a purpose for Moses to be a part of God saving Israel.**

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- **We too in our circumstances, have a higher calling – to be a part of God’s plan for salvation for the lost: no matter what we have been through – if we put our trust in Jesus on a daily and even more importantly, “moment by moment” basis.**

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- **Moses' name means, "I drew him out of the water".**
- **Has God ever "drawn YOU out of the water" of adversity, difficulty, and hopelessness into something better?**
- **If God has done it before for you, can you believe Him to continue to "draw YOU out of the water"?**

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- **God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If He did it for Moses THEN – He'll do it for you NOW.**
- **Jesus' Father also, drew JESUS out of the water. The terrible waters of the cross.**

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- **Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. (Matthew 27:27-31)**

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- **Jesus had been sentenced to a terrible death that He did not deserve – but He willingly went in obedience and love for the Father.**
- **Jesus put His life totally in the hands of the Father.**

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- **But now, an even greater deliverance was going to take place – deliverance from death!! And God showed Himself faithful – to raise Jesus from the dead.**
- **Jesus had been delivered by the Father as a child when Herod had killed all the young boys. Then God had helped Him escape to Egypt.**

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- **Moses' mother knew her son was sentence to death, put him in a basket, and prayed for His deliverance.**
- **And God not only delivered Moses from death by made him to a co-worker in the deliverance of Israel.**

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- **Jesus' Father, had watched His Son be sentenced to death, put on a cross, and HEARD JESUS' PRAYER OF FAITH for deliverance after death.**
- **And God delivered JESUS after death through the resurrection – and all mankind was delivered!!**

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- **What is God taking you through in your life that will turn out for the glory of God and for the deliverance of many?**

- **LET'S PRAY:**

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SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- **When God sends or allows troubles in our lives, does that mean He does not love us?**
- **What must we do when He sends us troubles?**
- **What was the name the princess gave the baby in the basket? What does that name mean?**

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MEMORY VERSE:

**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.**

(Exodus 2:9)