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Series Title: By Faith Sermon Series Part 2: Moses' Parents
Key Scripture: Hebrews 11:23, Exodus 2:1-3, Num 26:59 and Acts 7:20
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/by-faith-series-part-2-moses
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The Big Idea:
Like Moses' parents, by faith, release your circumstances to the Lord and allow Him to provide in ways you could never imagine.

Discussion:

1. As you read Hebrews 11:23 and Exodus 2:1–10, what actions demonstrate the faith of Moses' parents before they placed Moses in the basket (tebah, see definition below)?
2. In what unexpected ways did God provide for Moses after his parents entrusted him to Him? What surprises do you notice in the story?
3. Moses' parents did everything they could before entrusting Moses to God. How do we discern the difference between faithfully doing our part and trying to control the outcome?
4. Is there an area of your life—a relationship, family member, decision, dream, burden, or unanswered prayer—that you have been holding tightly? What might it look like to place it into God's hands?
5. God's answer looked very different from what Moses' parents could have imagined. Have you experienced a time when God answered a prayer in an unexpected—but ultimately better—way? Invite members to share their stories and what they learned.
6. Fear could have paralyzed Moses' parents, but faith moved them toward obedience. What fears most often keep you from fully trusting God, and how does this passage encourage you?

Digging Deeper

Moses' parents could not have known, as they placed the basket among the reeds, that God was already working through Pharaoh's own daughter to preserve and prepare the future deliverer of Israel. How does remembering that God is always working beyond what we can see change the way you approach situations where you cannot control the outcome? What practical habits can help you cultivate that kind of faith?

Additional Resources:

Context - Moses' parents found themselves in an impossible situation. Slaves in a hostile country. The king was a narcissist and a racist. Pharaoh ordered every Hebrew baby boy to be killed - essentially a genocide. Amran and Jochebed did everything they could to protect their son because they saw he was no ordinary child (tov), but eventually they reached the point where they could do no more. In faith, they courageously gathered the supplies, prepared and placed Moses in a basket (tebah) on the Nile, entrusting him to God. Their faith was not passive. They acted wisely, and then released what they loved most into God's hands. God responded in a way they could never have anticipated.

“tebah” = box, chest, ark -→ the word used for the basket is only used one other time in scripture - for Noah’s ark - a safe vessel meant to carry and preserve life through turbulent waters

“tov” = good, beautiful, uncommon, fine → this word implies something is operating exactly as it was created to function and holds moral and life-giving goodness