

## **“A Mother’s Awesome Influence”**

### **Exodus 2:1-10**

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**THEME:** For most people the strongest early influence in life was mother’s. If we could trace the record of history’s greatest heroes to their mothers’ influence, I wonder how telling that would be.

Moses is arguably the greatest hero of the Jewish people. His mother’s influence on him was enormous.

She had to risk practically everything to gain temporary custody of her son.

God arranged human life and the family in such a way that a mother’s role is pivotal in the formation of a child’s character.

With so many destructive forces aligned against the family today, how can mothers safeguard their God-intended influence on their children?

A brief snapshot of the role Moses’ mother played in his earliest years provides some helpful **guidelines** for mothers today.

### **I. ALLOW YOUR LOVE TO GUIDE YOUR ACTIONS (2:1-2)**

### **II. USE YOUR WIT TO DISARM ANY DANGERS (2:3-10)**

#### **SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**

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#### **OPENER:**

1. What are your earliest recollections of your mother that you believe had a significant influence on your character?
2. Do you see any similarities between the cultural pressures on Moses’ family and the impact of social forces on the family today? Discuss.

### **I. ALLOW YOUR LOVE TO GUIDE YOUR ACTIONS (2:1-2)**

3. What do you think the statement that Moses was a “fine child” (v.2) means? What if Moses had not been a fine child?
4. Can you think of any situation later in Moses’ life when his mother’s influence might have been evident? e.g. Exodus 32:11-14; Numbers 14:1-19; Deuteronomy 9:23-27.
5. In what way is a mother’s love a model for Christian leaders today? See 1 Thessalonians 2:5-9.

### **II. USE YOUR WIT TO DISARM ANY DANGERS (2:3-10)**

6. Why did Jochebed hide Moses in the reeds at a particular place along the bank of the Nile?
7. How do we know for certain that Moses’ mother’s influence was largely responsible to his courageous leadership later in life? Read Hebrews 11:23-28.
8. Is there anything you should ask God to help you change so that the godly influence of your mother may be borne out in your life?