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Summary of Exodus Chapter 2 and Spiritual Lessons

This chapter of Exodus talks about the birth of Moses in the land of Egypt. At that time in the land of Egypt, there was a decree by Pharaoh that every male child that was born was to be executed. So, after Moses' birth, his mother hid him for three months and after that she had to place him in a basket and laid him by the Nile River. While Pharaoh's daughter went to take a bath, she found Moses in a basket by the river and she then requested for him. Then Moses' sister asked Pharaoh's if she could call one of the Hebrew women so that they can nurse Moses and the woman who was called to nurse Moses was his mother. His mother nursed him till he grew a little older and then returned him back to Pharaoh's daughter as she was ordered. Pharaoh's daughter then took Moses as her son and gave him the name "Moses" because she drew him out of water,

After, Moses was grown, he went out to see his brethren, then he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrew, he looked properly and when he saw that there was no one around, he killed the Egyptian and covered him under the sand. Then another day he saw two Hebrew fighting and he said to them why are you fighting? And the one who started the fight said to him who made you our prince and judge and are you going to kill us like you killed the Egyptian yesterday. Then Moses was afraid that everyone knew what he did. When Pharaoh heard what had happened, he looked for Moses to kill him, but Moses ran away to Midian. While Moses was in Midian, he sat down beside a well. The priest of Midian had seven daughters and

they usually come to draw water from the well for their father's flocks. Some shepherds came and chased them away, but Moses stood up and rescued the girls from the shepherds and Moses helped the girls draw water for their father's flocks. So, when they got home their father Reuel noticed that they were back so early, and he then asked them why are you back so soon? and they explained how Moses saved them from the Shepherds that always come to chase them away. Then their father asked them where Moses was, they said that he was still at the well. Then he requested them to invite Moses so that he can eat with them. Moses accepted the invitation and he settled there with them after a while, Reuel offered his daughter Zipporah as a wife to Moses. She gave birth to a son and Moses named him Gershom meaning "for I have been a foreigner in a foreign land". After the years passed by, the king of Egypt died, and the Israelites continued in slavery. They cried to God and God remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and He knew it was time to intervene.

According to the book of Acts 7:23-29, we see that when Moses killed the Egyptian, he was doing it thinking that his act of kindness towards the Hebrews was going to be recognized. In the book of Hebrew 11: 23-27. We could see that every single step of action that was taken was done by faith from Moses' parent hiding him for three months because he was a special child and disobeying the king's command till Moses fled the land of Egypt. I think what this is trying to say in a nutshell is that through faith anything can be accomplished no matter how hard it might seem. An additional information that I think that is noticeable here is that everything that was done by Moses and his parent's, were done to please God. Moses really focused on the lord that was why he was able to make it thus far.

When it comes to the area of contradiction, I think there are some contradictions that might be recognized. One important one is In Hebrew 11:23, it says "it was by faith that Moses'

parent hid him for three months because they saw he was a special child given to them by God and they were not afraid to disobey the king. I think the word “Disobedience” is a contradiction. Knowing that God does not like disobedience, and we are also instructed to obey those who are in authority over us. In this case I think sometimes God reveals things to us personally and we need to be careful that we do not become ignorant to God’s voice because we are trying to obey those in authority. We need to remember that God is over all authority. Sometimes God might ask us to do things that might be questionable but all we must do is to obey. So, I think in the case of Moses’ parents they obeyed God rather than the king and they also had faith in God. Another contradiction I think is when Moses killed the Egyptian and said that he thought that the Hebrews would recognize that God had sent him to rescue them. We were instructed to love our enemy by God and asked in the ten commandments not to kill, so why would Moses think that what he did by killing the Egyptian was of God. In this case, I think he did that out of his own will, because he saw his brothers been maltreated, which most of us would likely do in his situation. I believe he had to kill the Egyptian so that he could escape to Midian where he was going to meet his wife. I also, believe that in all this acts Gods hand was present.

Some spiritual lessons I learnt from the book of exodus is that no matter what situation we find ourselves, be it good or bad we should always try to see that there is a good that is going to come out from our situation. Also, I learnt that every child that is born is special to God and there is a purpose and destiny for them. I learnt that we should never compare ourselves to anyone no matter how great they might be. I learnt that every step that we take in life, we need the faith of God so that, we would never regret taking that step or making that decision. Finally, I also learnt never to focus on my troubles, but rather focus on God, the one who is able to see me through the trouble. I believe this that these lessons can be applied to my life by practicing them

daily. For example, if I am having a rough morning instead of me focusing on the problems that caused my morning to be rough, I would rather take a moment to pray to god about the situation and believing that he would make the rest of my day smooth and blessed.