MIRIAM

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I: Miriam's Family and Early Life.

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive." Exodus 1:22

II: Miriam's Key Role in Protecting Baby Moses.

Exodus 2:1-10
[At this point in time, what did the Hebrew nation know of God and what was their source of knowledge?]

Adam and Eve – Gen. 2:16,17
Cain – Gen. 4:7
Abraham – Gen. 26:5
Noahic Covenant and universal moral order: Romans 2:14-15

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law,
these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of
the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts
alternately accusing or else defending them.

God's moral and covenantal instructions were passed orally from father to son.

III. Remarkable qualities Miriam demonstrated in her effort to save Moses, her baby brother.

- Boldness and Courage - Joshua 1:9
- Faith and Trust in God's Plan – Ps. 37:3-5; Ps. 56:3; Ps. 9:10
- Resourcefulness and Cleverness – Prov.2:6; James 1:5; Prov. 3:13; Prov. 4:7
- Steadfastness and Vigilance – James 1:2-4, 12
- Protective Love and Advocacy – Micah 6:8; Ps. 82:3-4
- Perseverance in Good Works – Gal. 6:9; 2Thess. 3:13;
- Trust in God's Faithfulness – Ps. 119:90; Malachi 3:6; Is. 40:8

IV. Miriam's role as Prophetess and Worship Leader.

Miriam **the prophetess**, Aaron's sister, took the timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dancing. Exodus 15:20

Leadership and Influence: [4] "Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt
And ransomed you from the house of slavery,
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam". Micah 6:4

V. Conflict with Moses

Numbers 12:1-15
God is very serious in His orders to submit to authority.

Hebrews 13:17 obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

Discussion Questions

1. How can parents deal with sibling rivalry as well as personality conflicts within the family?

2. If you find submission to your husband particularly difficult, what adjustments do you see you need to make and/or by your actions, how can you be of help to your husband in his leadership role?

3. If you are not married, can you give insight into how you submit to a boss or anyone else in authority over you?

[8] To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; [9] not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-9