

Exodus 18:1-2, 7 AMP - (1) Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people, and that the Lord had brought Israel out of Egypt. (2) Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after Moses had sent her back (to her father). (7) And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed in homage and kissed him; and each asked the other of his welfare and they came into the tent.

SONSHIP TESTED

Exodus 18:13-17 AMP - (13) Next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. (14) When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening? (15) Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God. (16) When they have a dispute they come to me, and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God and His laws. (17) Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you are doing is not good.

Exodus 18:23 AMP - If you will do this, and God so commands you, you will be able to endure the strain, and all these people also will go their tents in peace.

-You do not know if you have a spirit of sonship until you disagree with your spiritual father.

-You will never know if you are submitted to God until you are submitted to someone here on earth.

Exodus 18:24 AMP - So Moses listened to and heeded the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.

Hebrews 12:7-8 AMP – (7) You must submit to and endure correction for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not thus train and correct and discipline? (8) Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all of God's children share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons at all.

OVERCOMING THE ORPHAN SPIRIT

Part 4 – Empowered Through Sonship

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REVIEW

Orphan Spirit: It is the feeling that you don't have a home; a safe and secure place where you are affirmed, protected and comforted in the Father's heart.

Spirit of Sonship: When we place ourselves underneath another's mission and do all we can to make them successful, knowing that as a son/daughter, there is an inheritance that lies ahead.

INTRODUCTION

Deuteronomy 32:5 AMP – They (Israel) have spoiled themselves. They are not sons to Him, and that is their blemish.

-One of the blemishes we have in the Body of Christ today is the lack of sonship

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Exodus 1:8, 13, 15-16 AMP – (8) Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. (13) And the Egyptians reduced the Israelites to severe slavery. (15) Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, of whom one was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, (16) when you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live.

Exodus 1:9-10 AMP – He said to his people, Behold, the Israelites are too many and too mighty for us (and they outnumber us both in people and in strength). (10) Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply more and, should war befall us, they join our enemies, fight against us, and escape out of the land.

SONSHIP DENIED

Exodus 2:2-3 AMP – (2) And the woman became pregnant and bore a son; and when she saw that he was exceedingly beautiful, she hid him three months. (3) And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him an ark or basket made of bulrushes or papyrus, making it watertight by daubing it with bitumen and pitch. Then she put the child in it and laid it among the rushes by the brink of the river Nile.

Hebrews 11:23 AMP – Prompted by faith Moses, after his birth, was kept concealed for three months by his parents, because they saw how comely the child was; and they were not overawed and terrified by the king's decree.

Exodus 2:10 AMP – And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. And she called him Moses, for she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

- He experienced abandonment from a young age due to circumstances beyond his control and beyond his parents' control
- He was orphaned by circumstances.
- Sonship was denied – he would not know his biological father.

SONSHIP REJECTED

Acts 7:22 AMP – So Moses was educated in all the wisdom and culture of the Egyptians, and he was mighty (powerful) in his speech and deeds..

Hebrews 11:24 AMP – Aroused by faith Moses, when he had grown to maturity and become great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

- Moses chose instead to identify with his Israelite brethren.

Exodus 2:11-12 AMP – (11) One day, after Moses was grown, it happened that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of Moses' brethren. (12) He looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Acts 7:23-25 AMP – (23) And when he was in his fortieth year, it came into his heart to visit his kinsmen the children of Israel (to help them and to care for them). (24) And on seeing one of them being unjustly treated, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian and slaying him. (25) He expected his brethren to understand that God was granting them deliverance by his hand (taking for granted that they would accept him); but they did not understand.

Exodus 2:20-21 AMP – (20) He said to his daughters, Where is he? Why have you left the man? Call him that he may eat bread. (21) And Moses was content to dwell with the man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.

SONSHIP EMBRACED

- For the next 40 years Moses learns submission to Jethro and learns to be a son.

Sonship: When we place ourselves underneath another's mission and do all we can to make them successful, knowing that as a son/daughter, there is an inheritance that lies ahead.

Exodus 3:1 AMP – Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back or west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb or Sinai, the mountain of God.

EMPOWERED THROUGH SONSHIP

Exodus 4:18 AMP – And Moses went away and, returning to Jethro his father-in-law, said to him, Let me go back, I pray you, to my relatives in Egypt to see whether they are still alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.

- He seeks his father-in-laws permission and blessing.
- A father calls forth destiny in children. The father speaks forth their identity.
- The child who knows they have a father that believes in them will try anything, will step out in boldness.
- Moses is used now to bring deliverance to his people. His father-in-law hears of the news.