

READ

Exodus 2

CONSIDER

As human beings are created in the image of God, we all have the capacity to reveal characteristics of who God is. Our relational nature expressed by our ability to love, create, forgive, protect, and build community all reflect and display His goodness and beauty to the world. To look into the face of another person, regardless of any attributes we may impose to differentiate, is to observe one created by the Most High and who bears resemblance to Him. In our journey with Jesus, we are becoming more like Him in increasing to reveal "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." (Hebrews 1:3)

Through His providential grace, God works in and through the lives of people for the purposes of His redemptive mission in the world. In the early years of Moses' life, the women who were integral parts of his story all revealed various attributes of God, even before He directly entered the story. In their own ways, they played a part in the keeping of His covenant to Abraham, as well as impacting Moses in his own journey and preparation to be an instrument of deliverance. Would we all grow to recognize how God is being revealed in those around us, respond in worship and faithfulness as we participate on His mission.

Looking forward to our time in His Word,

Pastor Jon Nip

PRAY

Gracious God, we acknowledge that your thoughts and ways are higher than our own, so we humbly ask you to stretch our ability to be attentive and curious to the ways you are revealing Yourself and working around us. Help us to see your grace and gifts in the lives of people, so that we will know and follow you deeper. Would you also show us how our contributions all fit within your gospel story of redemption and salvation being worked out in the places we inhabit and the people around us. It is your presence and deliverance in which we put our hope in and we ask that you guide us in taking the next step in participating. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

DIVING DEEPER

What characteristics of God can you recognize and identify in the people in Exodus 2?

How might God be revealing Himself through those around you and what can you learn from them?

What are the consequences of attempting to accomplish God's mission and purposes through worldly power and ways? How can we learn to differentiate and resist blurring the lines?

How do we live as foreigners in the world, but not of it? How might it help us to connect and identify with others?