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**But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile.**

*Exodus 2:3*

## **Depth of a Mother's Love**

Who could ever forget the picture! From the dark shadows of the devastating quake that rocked Port-du-Prince came screams of agony from the injured, of anguish from the homeless, and of grief from those whose loved ones were lost. There was no food, no water, no shelter, and little hope of recovery. Wounds remain that will never fully heal.

Tears dampened the faces of everyone, but those of young mothers were the most heart-wrenching. Theirs were tears of despair to care for their children—to feed them, quench their thirst, and shelter them from harsh elements. And in their desperation they did what they would never have dreamed. They gave their babies to new homes in another land. These mothers are unlikely to ever see their babies again, but it was the only hope they could see that offered them a better life—or life at all. Their sacrifice revealed the depth of a mother's love.

In the midst of another crisis of human life, a young mother of a different era prepared her baby for a new home. Fighting through uncontrolled tears, Jochebed placed her baby boy in the papyrus basket she had so carefully prepared. Then, with her young daughter watching nearby, she put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. It was the only hope she could see that offered her baby a better life—or life at all. Her sacrifice revealed the depth of a mother's love.

These painful scenes of babies crying, and mothers' streaming tears seldom go unnoticed, but neither are they fully honored. Haitian mothers sacrificed their dreams to give life to their children. Jochebed sacrificed her own wishes so her precious baby Moses might live. Mothers are made that way.

God made mothers special. Deep inside a mom is a love for her children that is like God has for his. Mothers sacrifice their lives so their children may have a better life—or life at all.

That's what God did too.

*"You are the light of the world."*

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