

In God's Hands

A JOURNEY OF FAITH, FAMILY,
AND DIVINE STRATEGY.



When the laws of the land threaten the life of the family, faith requires a radical strategy. This is the story of how letting go became the only way to hold on.

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Based on the sermon by Pastor O'Connor | Exodus 2:1-10

A Crisis of Nations

Amram and Jochebed were not just slaves; they were Levites—the priesthood lineage. They were spiritual people living in a time of a death decree.

The Conflict:

Pharaoh's political move to curb population growth has become a **personal mandate for murder**. Every male child three years and younger is sentenced to die.

“And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi.”

(Exodus 2:1)

The Tension: How does a spiritual family survive when the world demands the destruction of their legacy?



The Vision of the Mother

*“She saw he was a
beautiful child.”*

Every mother believes her child is beautiful. But Jochebed saw more than physical beauty; she saw destiny. She recognized a “difference” in him that required protection.

Theological Insight:

Because she saw his divine potential, she refused to comply with the decree. She hid him for three months. Faith begins by seeing what God sees in the next generation.



The Paradox of the Ark

The Action:

When hiding was no longer possible, she built an ark of bulrushes, lined with asphalt and pitch.

The Great Gamble:

To save her son from death, she had to place him in the very place of death—the Nile River.

Key Sermon Insight:

If I leave him to man, he dies. If I leave him to God—in the wild, in the boisterous river filled with crocodiles—he lives.

Takeaway:

Sometimes the safest place for what we love is the most dangerous place, provided it is in God's hands.

The Vigil in the Reeds

The mother returned home, but the baby was never truly alone. Miriam, the sister, stood afar off to watch.

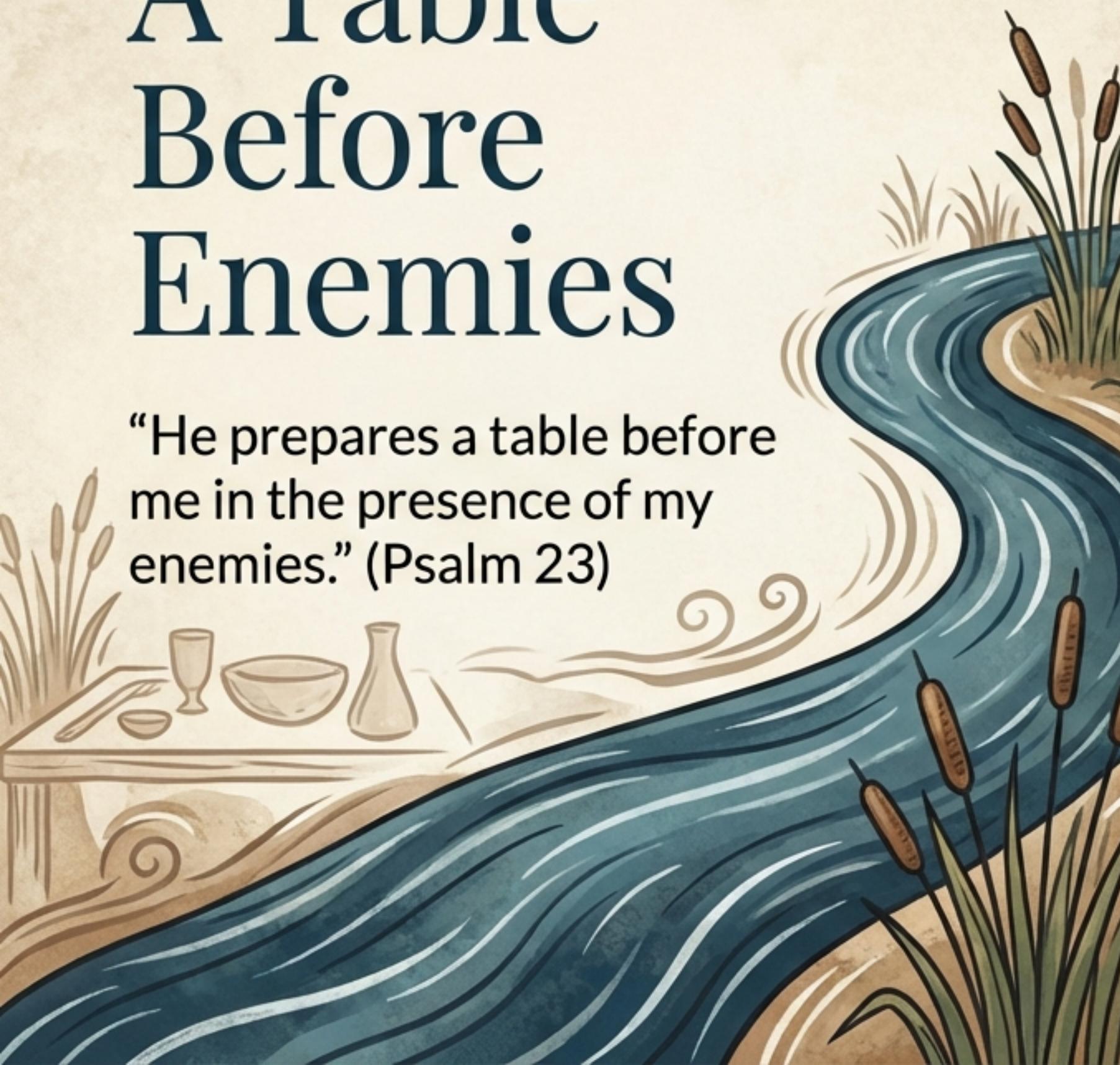
The Risk: Miriam walked the banks of the same dangerous Nile that threatened the child.

The Lesson: God's protection is often mediated through family. The basket was adrift, but the family connection remained unbroken. We need each other to survive.



A Table Before Enemies

“He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” (Psalm 23)



The Twist:

The current did not carry the basket to a friend. It carried the child to the driveway of the enemy—Pharaoh's daughter.



The Miracle:

Pharaoh's daughter, perhaps seeing the child as a gift from the river god Hapi, violates her own father's decree. She has compassion on the Hebrew child.



Insight:

God can mobilize the very systems that were designed to destroy you to instead protect you.



The Divine Pivot

The Dialogue

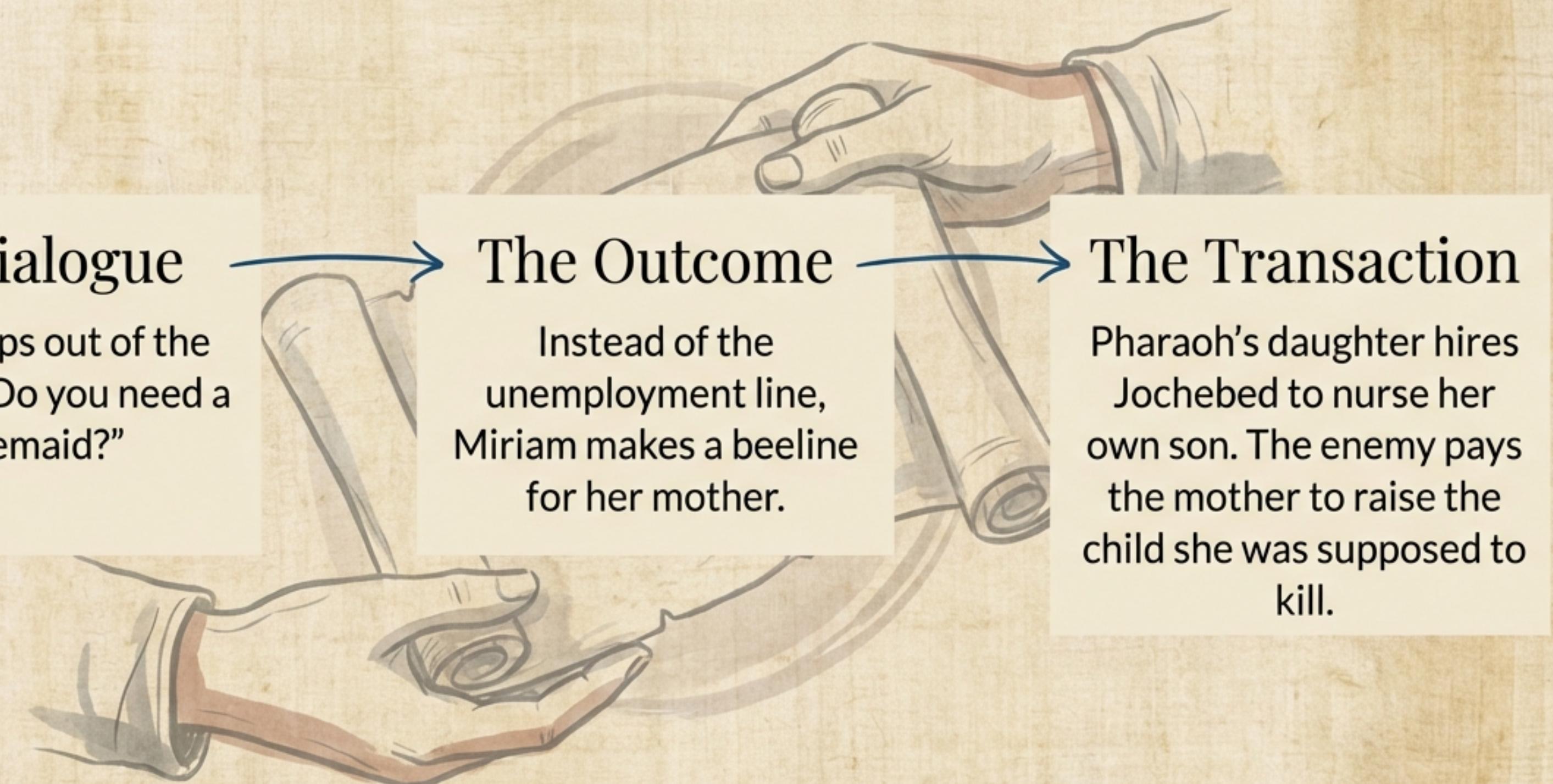
Miriam steps out of the shadows. "Do you need a nursemaid?"

The Outcome

Instead of the unemployment line, Miriam makes a beeline for her mother.

The Transaction

Pharaoh's daughter hires Jochebed to nurse her own son. The enemy pays the mother to raise the child she was supposed to kill.



Paid to Parent

The Strategy: During these foundational years (approx. 7-12 years), Jochebed taught Moses to recognize the voice of the true God, preparing him for the confusing culture of Egypt.

1. Safety

Protection under the princess's seal.



2. Resources

Wages provided by the crown (Economic Surety).



3. Influence

The opportunity to instill the knowledge of the true God before he enters the palace.



The Result: A Deliverer Formed



Because of the ark, Moses grew to be:

- One of the two greatest prophets.
- A brilliant general.
- The liberator of his people.

Key Insight

When you train up your children to know the Lord, they can stand before kings.

👑 Modern Application

Whether standing before Pharaoh, or modern leaders, a child grounded in faith fears no man because they know the King of Kings.

Stewards, Not Owners

The Core Truth: Our children are gifts, but they ultimately belong to God.

The Challenge: Just as Jochebed had to release Moses to the palace, we must recognize we cannot control every aspect of our families' lives.



The Call: We must be God's hands and feet in our homes. We are the guardians of the basket while it is within our reach.

Reflecting the Divine at Home

Personal Insight

We are not perfect.
We deal with daily
stressors and
frustrations.

But our children are
watching.

The Vow

To be better.

To ensure the next
generation is better
than the current one.

Actionable Advice

- ✓ Be the hands that guide.
- ✓ Be the feet that lead.
- ✓ Model the protection and love of the Father.

Build Your Ark

We live in a world that often seeks to destroy spiritual identity.
We cannot fight every current of the Nile.

The Solution: Build an ark of faith. Place your children, your marriage, your fears, and your "enemies" into the basket.

The Release: Set it adrift in God's hands.



FAITH

A large, stylized word "FAITH" is positioned in the center of the image, partially submerged in dark blue, wavy water. The letters are colored in shades of orange and blue, with the "A" and "I" being orange and the "T" and "H" being blue. The water has a textured, layered appearance with various shades of blue.

"If I leave it to man, it dies. If I leave it to God, it lives."

We Need Each Other to Survive

Reflection: Just as Moses needed Jochebed, and Jochebed needed Miriam, we need our community.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we trust You when we cannot trace You. We place our cares in the safest place in the universe: Your hands.