



# LIFEGROUPS

Sermon Series: *Courage*  
Message: *Courage Underestimated*

Scripture: Micah 6:4

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## —[ LET'S START ]—

Last week Pastor Dale talked about the courage to deal with the *unbeatable giants* in our life. Often courage is also needed in facing the small things we address every day and in stepping forward into something when one is not sure about the outcome. What is the most courageous thing you've ever done? How did you muster the courage to do it?

## —[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. The people of Israel had settled in Egypt because of a severe famine years before, and they prospered there. The Egyptian leadership began to feel threatened and enslaved the Israelites. Pharaoh decreed that all newborn Israeli boys were to be thrown into the Nile River. Into this setting Amram and his wife, Jochabed, had a baby boy who would be named Moses. Exodus 2:2, Acts 7:20 & Hebrews 11:23 indicate that they were aware that this child was a special baby and that they were not afraid to disobey the King's command, knowing that he was a part of God's plan. How do you envision yourself as being part of God's plan to the people around you? How does that give you courage to become involved?
2. Miryam, Moses's sister, worked to prepare a special basket to protect the baby in the water and watched over him as he floated along the river bank – a very important role for a 12 year-old. Pharaoh's daughter and her attendants discovered the basket with the baby. How do you think Miryam felt? What might she had been thinking? What are some common first reactions people have when something seems to be going wrong?
3. Miryam's response was both courageous and brilliant. She said, "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" (Exodus 2:7). God had worked to move the daughter of Pharaoh's heart to adopt this child, through Miryam to have the boldness to speak to the princess, and arrange to have their own mother nurture the baby. How does being in God's plan give you confidence?

—[ LET'S ACT ]—

When you question where God is in a situation, remember He lives in you if you have accepted Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Uncommon courage is not uncommon when you are trusting God and sharing the hope of the Gospel with others. How may God use you as a beacon of hope this week?

—[ SERMON REVIEW ]—

- The Egyptian leaders felt threatened by the prosperous Israelites in their land and put taskmasters over them. In an effort to restrict their growth, each Israeli newborn baby boy was to be thrown into the Nile River to die.
- A baby boy is born to Amram and his wife, Jochabed, and they try to protect him because they know he is a special part of God's plan.
- Miryam helped with preparing the basket and watching over her baby brother as he floated in the river. She also spoke to the princess about finding a woman to nurse the baby, assuring that their own mother would care for the child.
- God had chosen them to effect His plan.

—[ NOTES ]—

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