

# “The Beginning Is Not The End”

“Although neither his mom nor dad knew it - the birth of this man-child launched a series of events that would change the course of nations and shape the destiny of millions. History would turn like a hinge on that birth. The world would never be the same again.” Chuck Swindoll

Exodus 2:1-4 (NIV)

1 Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, 2 and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. 3 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. 4 His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

A Little Background

The Israelites went into Egypt as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 37-50)

BUT... (Exodus 1:7-9)

- **There is a** \_\_\_\_\_
- **There are** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **living in Egypt.**

Pharaoh Brainstorm

- **Make the Israelites** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ **every Hebrew male baby**

## 2 Truths From Moses' Story (about our story)

**With God, where I start** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **where I finish.**

"Everything in the heavens and earth is Yours, O Lord, and this is Your kingdom. We adore You as being in control of everything." 1 Chronicles 29:11 (LB)

“God loves to turn crucifixions into resurrections.”  
Because of \_\_\_\_\_ I will never amount to anything.

Whatever your circumstances - single, married, divorced, married again, with or without children - and no matter where you've been or what you've done, you matter to God, and to us.

Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (CEV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NIV)

“I believe there is no future in the past.” Joe Talamo

## For my beginning not to be my end - I will have to \_\_\_\_\_

You can get in a lot of trouble honoring God rather than man. But when man's law contradicts God's law as followers of the Lord - we follow God's law - even if it gets us in trouble.

"Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as cooperation with good." Gandhi

“Yes, risk taking is inherently failure-prone. Otherwise it would be called sure-thing -taking.” Jim McMahon

“I don't believe in a fate that falls on men however they act; however I do believe in a fate that falls on them unless they act.” G.K. Chesterton

Right now you may be in the safest of all places to be – but I hope not – the church ought to be the riskiest place in town.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.” Mark Twain