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THIS WEEK'S STUDY

Miriam: A Picture of Cooperation

Exodus 2:1–9

I Introduction

Miriam's story teaches the importance of cooperation in fulfilling God's purpose. During a dangerous time, when Pharaoh ordered all Hebrew baby boys to be killed, Moses' mother Jochebed acted in faith by placing him in a basket on the Nile. Miriam cooperated by watching over him and speaking wisely to Pharaoh's daughter when she discovered the child. Pharaoh's daughter also showed compassion and agreed to preserve the baby. Because these women cooperated, Moses' life was saved, he was raised by his own mother, and God's plan for Israel's deliverance continued.

A CONSISTENT PATTERN

The Bible consistently shows that successful people cooperate with God and with others, while rebellion and refusal to cooperate lead to division and destruction.

II Those Who Cooperated, and Those Who Did Not

Cooperation

Noah and his sons built the ark; their family survived the flood. **Joseph** cooperated with Potiphar, the jailer, and Pharaoh; he rose to leadership and saved nations. **Esther and Mordecai** worked together in wisdom and obedience; Israel was preserved. **Jesus and the disciples** spread the Gospel; the church expanded across the world. **Peter and the early church** united in prayer and ministry; the church grew with power.

Refusal

Rehoboam rejected wise counsel from the elders; the kingdom divided. **Absalom** rebelled against his father David and stirred division; he died an untimely death. **The ten unbelieving spies** refused to trust God's promise; Israel wandered in the wilderness and that generation did not enter the land.

III Key Lessons

1 Cooperation Strengthens Unity in the Body of Christ

God designed believers to function together, not independently. Unity requires humility, submission, and mutual respect. Ephesians 4:3–6 teaches believers to maintain "the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

2 Cooperation Means Doing Your Part Faithfully

Each person in the story of Moses had a specific assignment. Success came because everyone fulfilled their role without interfering with the others. God does not call everyone to the same task, but He calls everyone to be faithful in their own assignment.

3 Some Assignments Cannot Be Fulfilled Alone

Miriam alone could not save Moses. Jochebed alone could not guarantee his safety. Pharaoh's daughter alone did not know how to care for him. Together, they accomplished what none could do individually (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

4 Refusal to Cooperate Leads to Division

The Bible repeatedly warns against pride, rebellion, bitterness, and refusal to work with others. Absalom and Rehoboam were gifted individuals whose refusal to cooperate brought disaster.

IV Discussion Questions

1. What specific qualities did Miriam demonstrate that made cooperation successful in saving Moses?
2. Why are unity and cooperation necessary in the Church and in families today?
3. What dangers arise when people refuse godly counsel or choose rebellion instead of cooperation?
4. In what practical ways can believers cooperate better in ministry, marriage, the workplace, and community life?

MEMORY VERSE

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9 (KJV)

✷ ACTION POINT

Identify one relationship, ministry, or workplace situation where you can make a difference by cooperating more.

Conclusion

Miriam's story reminds believers that God often fulfils His purposes through people who are willing to work together in faith and obedience. Cooperation is not weakness; it is strength under godly direction. The church, the family, and society all flourish when people understand their roles, support one another, and pursue unity.