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THIS WEEK'S STUDY

Miriam: A Picture of Cooperation

Part 2

Exodus 2:1–9

I Introduction

The story of Miriam in Exodus 2:1–9 takes place during one of the darkest periods in Israel's history. The Israelites had multiplied greatly in Egypt, and Pharaoh became fearful of their growing numbers and influence. In an attempt to weaken and eventually destroy them, he issued a cruel decree that every Hebrew baby boy should be thrown into the River Nile. It was in this atmosphere of fear, uncertainty, and oppression that Moses was born.

Moses' parents faced an impossible situation. To keep their son at home meant risking discovery and death; to abandon him meant losing him forever. Yet instead of surrendering to fear, they acted in faith and wisdom. Moses' mother carefully prepared a basket, placed the child in it, and set it among the reeds along the riverbank. However, the success of this plan depended on more than one person. **It required cooperation.**

II Miriam's Part

This is where Miriam enters the story. Although she was only a young girl, she understood the importance of her role. She cooperated with her mother by standing at a distance to watch over the basket and see what would happen to her brother.

She Stayed

She did not abandon her responsibility. She stood at a distance and kept watch over the basket.

She Waited

She waited patiently and remained alert, ready to act when the opportunity arose.

She Acted

When Pharaoh's daughter found the child, Miriam boldly approached her with a solution that saved Moses and reunited him with his own mother.

NOT LIMITED BY AGE

Cooperation is not limited to adults, leaders, or people with authority. God can use anyone who is willing to work with others. Moses was preserved not by one person's effort, but by the combined actions of his mother, Miriam, and even Pharaoh's daughter, each playing a different role in God's plan.

The same principle applies today. Families succeed when members cooperate. Churches grow when believers work together. Ministries flourish when people use their gifts in unity. No individual can accomplish everything alone. Miriam stands before us as a powerful picture of cooperation: when people faithfully play their part and work together, God can accomplish extraordinary things through them.

III Discussion Questions

1. What specific actions did Miriam take that demonstrated cooperation with her mother in protecting Moses? What qualities do you see in her attitude and behaviour?
2. Why was Miriam's willingness to wait and watch by the river important to the success of the plan? What does this teach us about patience in cooperating with others?
3. How did Miriam's courage and initiative contribute to God's plan for Moses' life? What might have happened if she had refused to play her part?
4. In what ways can we apply the principle of cooperation in our families, church ministries, workplaces, and fellowship groups today? What attitudes help or hinder cooperation among believers?

MEMORY VERSE

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

ECCLESIASTES 4:9 (NIV)

✷ ACTION POINT

Identify one area in your family, church, or workplace where greater cooperation is needed. This week, take a practical step to support others, contribute your part faithfully, and promote unity toward a common goal.

Conclusion

Miriam's story reminds us that God often accomplishes His purposes through people who are willing to cooperate with one another. Though she was young, her obedience, patience, courage, and willingness to work with others helped save the life of Moses, the future deliverer of Israel. Cooperation allows us to achieve what we could never accomplish alone. As believers, we must reject self-centredness and embrace teamwork, unity, and mutual support. When we faithfully play our part and work together under God's direction, we become instruments through which God accomplishes extraordinary things.