



SUMMERFEST

WEEK 3 - MIRIAM THE BRAVE GUARDIAN SISTER

OVERVIEW

Moses was one of the most important spiritual leaders in Israel's history. However, his journey began in a place of complete helplessness. If it were not for his brave and quick-thinking older sister, Miriam, Moses may never have made grown up to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Miriam risked her own life and safety to not only guarantee her infant brother survived his trip down the Nile, but to ensure it was their own mother who nursed him as he was raised in Pharaoh's house. Miriam's self-sacrificial courage can be an inspiration to us all as we encounter the vulnerable people of our world, today. What might happen if we modeled our own self-giving love for others on that of Miriam's?

She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:3-4

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Exodus 2:1-10.
 - a. Why do you think God chose Miriam to carry out this important role?
2. Do you see yourself as being part of God's plan? Why or why not?
3. Share an experience you've had when everything fell perfectly into place and the result so incredible, you believe it could only be explained as God's hand at work.
4. Read Zechariah 7:10, Jeremiah 22:16, Isaiah 25:4, Proverbs 14:31, Proverbs 19:17, Proverbs 31:8-9, Psalms 68:19, Psalms 82:3-4, and Deuteronomy 10:14-8.
 - a. How do these scriptures demonstrate God's compassion and call believers to care for the vulnerable?
5. Who would you consider to be "the vulnerable ones" in your life today?
6. Have you ever experienced a time when you've "stood at a distance" watching a situation unfold and felt compelled to intervene? If so, what was the result? If you did not intervene, what stopped you?
7. What might it look like to care for the vulnerable in your life?