

Unsung Heroes of Faith

Shiphrah, Puah, Jehoshabeath and Obadiah

Points to Consider

1. Fear God
2. Take bold action
3. Receive God's reward

Fear God

Ex 1:15-19 - The midwives _____ God.

1 Kings 18:1-16 *3 And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly. ... 12 But I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth.*

Obadiah starting fearing God while he was _____ and continued to fear Him while working for a corrupt king.

Job 1:1 tells us that _____ feared God.

Acts 10:2 tells us that _____ was a man who feared God.

Neh 7:1-2 - Hananiah was a _____ man because he feared God.

Fearing the Lord was a plea that Moses made to God's people on several occasions. (Deut 6:2, 13, 24; 10:12, 20; 14:23; 17:19; 31:12,13)

Take Bold Action

The midwives _____ the king of Egypt.

The midwives never gave in to _____ demands even though he had the power to have them killed.

2 Chron 22:10-12 - Jehoshabeath had the _____ to hide Joash for six years from Athaliah, who just killed all the other Royal heirs.

The consequences of being caught could have been _____ for her and her entire family.

1 Kings 18:7-15 - Obadiah took the bold action of hiding and feeding 100 prophets that the _____ Jezebel was killing.

The key to this bold action was his _____ of God.

Our Scripture reading this morning – Matt 18:1-14

What “bold” actions can your fear of God motivate you to take this week?

1. You can donate to or volunteer at Clarity. Clarity is our local non-profit organization that stands up for the unborn while demonstrating care and concern for all those affected by the life of that unborn child. I encourage you to talk to David and Teri White or visit the website www.claritycares.org.
2. If you know someone who is considering abortion, do whatever you can to prevent them from killing that child. Talk to them. Send them to Clarity.
3. Wear some article of clothing that encourages saving the lives of the unborn.
4. Do something to help orphans. James writes, “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” NKJV (James 1:27)
5. Sign-up to pray for a group of our kids.
6. Support non-profit adoption agencies. Sacred Selections is the agency the Crabtrees went through to adopt Olivia.
7. Foster kids or support placement agencies or people who do foster kids.
8. Talk to Jake Shaffner about ways to help kids in our local schools.
9. Support and/or encourage one of the men we support. Send them a gift card to a restaurant with a note letting them know you appreciate the work they are doing for the Lord. Some of these men might be able to use an extra \$25.

Receive God’s reward

Ex 1:18-21 *So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?" 19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them." 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. 21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.* NKJV

Ex 1:20-21 *So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.* ESV

The Israelites _____ to multiply and grow very mighty. Pharaoh was fighting a losing battle with the God of all the earth. (See Ex 7:5, 17; 8:22; 9:14-16, 29; 10:1-2)
God rewarded the midwives by giving them _____.

Matt 6:19-21 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* NKJV

Ultimately, we all want to be rewarded with a home in _____.