

07-30-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Shiphra and Puah...serve as trailblazers in a very important capacity before Moses ever enters the scene. They stand courageously and compassionately between humans and the Divine. [Their] hands mediate life and salvation by delivering the Hebrew male infants Pharaoh would have killed. Equally importantly, their bold actions communicate to Pharaoh that a mightier power exists.”

- Brad Sartor



Exodus 1:8-2:10

Questions for Reflection —

- What women of the Bible do you most admire? Why? What women (either historical figures or persons you have known directly) serve as role models for you of vibrant faith? Who are the women who have influenced your faith journey? Who are the women who have nurtured your spiritual growth? In what ways, regardless of your gender, are you a role model and mentor for others in the walk of faith?

- How do you understand the concept of fearing God? How is the fear of the Lord evidenced in your life personally? How do you demonstrate your reverence for and obedience to God? In what aspects of your life does fear of human disapproval hinder your ability to demonstrate your love for God and to follow God’s call and commands? What changes might you need to make so that fear of God is more fully evidenced in your words and actions?

- Where and/or how do you perceive power differentials in operation in your daily life? In what spheres are you most aware of policies that oppress or are unjust? How might your Christian faith move you to defy and/or speak out against such policies? How do you feel when you consider the prospect of challenging authority or policies that place vulnerable people at disadvantage? What do you need in order to live into your baptismal vows to “resist evil. Injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves”?

Daily Household Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, we come together to praise and worship you. Help us draw close to you. Speak your words of wisdom into our lives. Help us to embrace one another, our similarities, our differences, our concerns, and our joys. We long for your touch on our lives, that we might be your hands and feet to the world. Inspire our hearts, heal our wounds, bring your peace into our worries and your hope into our disappointments. Come Lord and weave your love into our worship together, that we may overflow with grace and allow your truth to light up our lives anew. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.