Study and Reflection #2
Exodus 2:1-2

We know nothing about Moses' parents other than they were from the tribe of Levi. We don't get their names until chapter 6 verse 20; Amram and Jochebed. If you were playing Bible Trivia, and the question came up, "Name Moses' parents? Would you have been able to guess correctly? Their names might as well be Joe and Jane Schmo! WE know nothing about them other than they are from the tribe of Levi and Jane Schmo loved her child a lot! They are ordinary people, living ordinary lives in the time and place God had set forth.

In modern Christianity you and I get caught up in a popular Christian philosophy that emphasizes our extraordinariness and we should operate out of that extraordinary image to do something great for God. God does see us as his "workmanship (Eph 2:10), but we don't have to go out on a hunt in order to find something that would validate us for service. God has you right here right now and he will use you - an ordinary Joe and Jane Schmo!

How is/could God be using you right now in your everyday ordinary circumstances of life? How do you daydream about being used by God in big, biblical-like ways?

Study and Reflection #3
Exodus 2:3-5

Moses' mom, Jochebed, obeyed the command of Pharaoh in 1:22. Instead of pitching just Moses in the Nile, she pitched Moses in the Nile in a basket.
These are terrible times for the Hebrews and Jochebed has a faith plan to save her baby. With that faith, she plans whatever it would take to save her babies life. This God-directed morality caused Jochebed to hide her son and when she couldn't hide him any longer she left it in the hands of the Lord to preserve him and save him. What a wonderful expression of faith—do what you can with what you have, leaving the results to God.

Have you ever left it in the hands of the Lord? Or in other words, handed it over to the Lord to take care of the situation? Reflect on a time that has happened. Now think about your present circumstances, how could you do that now?

Study and Reflection #4
Exodus 2:10

"The one who was drawn out of water would be the means of drawing the Israelite nation out of water – Nelson Study Bible.

Moses' name was Moses' mission - "to draw out." Moses left a legacy and that legacy began right here as a baby. God had his hand on this little life for something far greater than he could have ever accomplished on his own.

How about your life right now. Does God have his hand on your life? What legacy would you like to leave when you are all done with life?

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Exodus 1:22-2:1

As chapter 1 closes, the narrative brings the conflict to the forefront where things seem helpless for the Hebrews. Don't miss the very next word (2:1) "Now." With that word comes hope!

As C. F. Keil and Franz Delitzsch said, "Whilst Pharaoh was urging forward the extermination of the Israelites, God was preparing their emancipator."

The Hebrews had a covenant from God to remind them that He would never leave or forsake them, no matter the dire state of affairs they found themselves. You and I as Christians participate in that same covenant. (Deut 31:6; Josh 1:5).

When you find yourself in those dire seasons of life, how do you view the situation, "God will show up and redeem" or "I'm done." God is always working behind the scenes!

Think of creative ways God has worked in the dire seasons of your past. How did He work? How might he be working now?