

# EXODUS

## A MIGHTY HAND AND AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM

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### **DRAWN OUT** (Acts 1-2)

Exodus 1-2

Fear leads to oppression. The Egyptians worked the Israelites ruthlessly

Fear leads to deliverance. The midwives acted heroically

Fearless heroines are featured front and center:

Moses's mother

Pharaoh's daughter

Moses's sister

Sometimes the answer in times of desperation isn't brute force, but brave compassion, a relentless love like God's

For Moses, this moment by the water in Exodus 2 reveals his character is truly that of a deliverer, motivated to fight for the oppressed.

Moses = drawn out

As he witnesses Jethro's daughters oppressed by shepherds, he was drawn out in their defense

Moses grew from one drawn out of helplessness to one drawn to the helpless

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Fear is all too often the precursor to desperation.

Have you ever watched someone do something foolish because they were afraid?

Have you ever done something foolish because you were afraid?

Can you think of a time someone did something awesome because they were afraid?

Have you ever done something awesome because you were afraid?

Fear can bring out the best in us or the worst in us.

Ultimately, what's the difference between those who are made fools by fear and those who become awesome?

"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" - William Ross Wallace

How is this true?

Can you think of a woman in your life who demonstrated fearless heroism?

What do you think God's salvific partnership with women in the Exodus story suggests about their value in redemptive mission here and now?

The Drawn Out one is drawn out to take action by something he witnesses in Egypt.

Again, he intervenes at the sight of conflict.

Even after running from Egypt, he can't sit silently and watch others oppressed.

Can you identify with Moses?

What draws you out to fight for others?

What should draw us out as the church to fight for others?

The story's just beginning, but God's drawn Moses out of Egypt for something big.

As a group pray for your own discernment, that God might grant you all eyes to see how He might make use of your group with His might hand and outstretched arm.