

# When I Have to Draw the Line

EXODUS 1:15-22

LIVING  
FAITHFULLY  
IN A  
FOREIGN  
*Land*

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## I. We have to draw the line when asked to \_\_\_\_\_ God's values.

*Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live."  
But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. vv. 15-17*

*Know God's \_\_\_\_\_ to uphold God's values.*

## II. We have to draw the line because we fear \_\_\_\_\_ more than people.

*So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?"  
The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." vv. 18-19*

*Fear God most, knowing you'll ultimately give an \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.*

## III. We have to draw the line and leave the \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong.  
And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.  
Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." vv. 20-22*

*Trust God to care for you even when the \_\_\_\_\_ goes against you.*

### GOD VALUES LIFE

*Children are a gift  
from the Lord;  
they are a reward  
from him.  
Psalm 127:3 NLT*

1. Scripture teaches  
that life begins  
at conception.

*(Ps 139:13)*

2. Scripture  
explicitly  
condemns murder.

*(Ex 20:13)*

3. Scripture teaches  
that each person  
has inherent value.

*(Gen 1:26-27)*

4. Scripture teaches  
that each person  
has a God-given  
purpose.

*(Jer 1:5)*

5. Scripture  
illustrates  
God's heart  
for children.

*(Matt 19:14)*



## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

# LIVING FAITHFULLY IN A FOREIGN Land

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 1:15-22. What observations stand out to you from this passage?
2. The Hebrew midwives "feared God" (v. 17). How did their actions show it?
3. What does it mean to "fear God"? (Consider Ex 1:15-21; Lk 12:4-12.) How do you live out a fear of God in daily life?
4. Perhaps it's more subtle as the pressures on the midwives, but what social pressures do you feel trying to get you to do wrong? How can a fear of the Lord help you resist them?
5. Read Proverbs 29:25. What is the "snare" mentioned here? What things are those who obey the Lord rather than men "safe" from?
6. Read Exodus 2:23-25. How did God feel about His people's sufferings? What does that tell you about His heart toward those who belong to Him?
7. Read Daniel 3:17-18 and Habakkuk 3:17-19. Even if God has a different plan and does not intervene in the way we would prefer when we refuse to violate His Word, why is it still better to obey God rather than men?
8. Why is Christ Chapel's stance on the sanctity of life so important? How can you be part of the effort to show our culture God's truth in this area?

"If this plan had succeeded, Pharaoh would have wiped out the Hebrew people. The future generation of men would be dead and the girls would eventually be married to Egyptian slaves and absorbed into the Egyptian race. But Genesis 3:15 and 12:1-3 said that God would not permit such a thing to happen, and He used two Jewish midwives to outwit Pharaoh. This is the first instance in Scripture of what today we call 'civil disobedience,' refusing to obey an evil law because of a higher good. Scriptures like Matthew 20:21-25, Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2:11 admonish Christians to obey human authorities, but Romans 13:5 reminds us that our obedience must not violate our consciences. When the laws of God are contrary to the laws of man, then we 'ought to obey God rather than men' (Acts 5:29). You see this exemplified not only in the midwives but also in Daniel and his friends (Dan 1; 3; 6) and the apostles (Acts 4-5)."

WARREN WIERSBE

"The services done for God's Israel are often repaid in kind. The midwives kept up the Israelites' houses, and, in recompense for it, God made them houses (v. 21), built them up into families, blessed their children, and prospered them in all they did."

MATTHEW HENRY

"The suffering of Abraham's descendants in Egypt (Ex 1) was not a direct result of any sin ... Not all suffering should be seen as God's displeasure, and there is the possibility of blessing in the midst of suffering as part of God's plan."

STEPHEN BRAMER

### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
  2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
  3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
  4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

### SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

**LUNCH** Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, and as a church family that is for all life, our Local Outreach ministry will be hosting a lunch where you can learn more about our ForLife initiatives, hear from local pregnancy centers and our Quilt for Life Ministry and learn how you can get involved! Find details at [www.ccbcfamily.org/sohl](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/sohl).

**CCBC OFFICES CLOSED TOMORROW** On Monday, Jan. 20 our offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY** We are excited to offer Kids Ministry classes for hundreds of kids every Sunday, and we're looking for more disciples of Jesus to help us teach about Jesus! Share the gospel and give opportunities for parents and kids alike to grow their faith on Sunday morning. Learn more by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/kids](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/kids).

**DISASTER RELIEF** Here at Christ Chapel, we want to offer hope and healing in Jesus' name to those experiencing the impact of natural disasters. Our Disaster Relief Ministry does just that and if you'd like to learn more about how you can get involved with making a difference visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/disaster](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/disaster).

### ISRAEL UPDATES WITH TOUR GUIDE

**RONNIE COHEN** We are excited to invite you to a special, in-depth conversation with Ronnie Cohen, a seasoned tour guide who has led many of Christ Chapel's trips to Israel. As a trusted guide with intimate knowledge of the land and its people, Ronnie will share his insights and perspective on the current events unfolding in Israel. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Fort Worth Campus to hear more!

**SERVE OUR SCHOOLS** Serve Our Schools, a ministry with Local Outreach, partners with schools in Tarrant, Parker and Johnson County to support students and teachers in the classroom. From mentoring and giving teachers an extra hand to sharing the gospel in after-school Bible clubs. You can make an eternal impact. Get involved by visiting [www.ccbcfamily.org/schools](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/schools).



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.



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