Stan & Scott **September 8, 2024**
Exodus 1:1-21

Passage Outline:
Vs. 1-7
The sons of Jacob (Israel)
- **Reuben (Leah)**
- **Simeon (Leah)**
- **Levi (Leah)**
- **Judah (Leah)**
- **Issachar (Leah)**
- **Zebulun (Leah)**
- **Joseph (Rachel)**
- **Benjamin (Rachel)**
- **Dan (Bilhah)**
- **Naphtali (Bilhah)**
- **Gad (Zilpah)**
- **Asher (Zilpah)**
  - **Seventy in all**
    - **Joseph and brothers die**
      - **Descendants numerous and strong**

Vs. 8-14
A new king
- **They are numerous and powerful**
  - **They might side against us**
- **Shrewdly: taskmasters**
  - **Supply cities**
    - **They continued to grow**
- **Ruthlessly feared: mortar and brick/ field labor**

Vs. 15-22
The king (to Hebrew midwives)
- **Kill males; spare females**
  - **Shiphrah and Puah disobey**
    - **They feared God**
    - **They lied to Pharaoh**
- **To Egyptians: Throw males into the Nile**

Key words and Thoughts: prayer (προσευχή); begging (δέησις); season (καιρός); remain awake (ἀγρυπνέω); perseverance (προσκαρτέρησις); boldness (παρρησία); to be an ambassador (πρεσβεύω); be necessary (δεῖ); to encourage (παρακαλέω); peace (εἰρήνη); corruption (ἀφθαρσία)

Questions:

1. **In your working career, have you had an unreasonable boss? What does it feel like to be forced to do work that you feel is unfairly given to you?**
2. **What do you fear? When is fear good or bad? Do you ever fear God as the Hebrew midwives did?**
3. **What does say about the faith of the midwives that they would disobey Pharaoh? Have you ever felt led to disobey someone to do something else that you felt was right?**