



40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

Devotional for Day 15, Wednesday, October 6

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Intention:

As we cry out for those being led to death, let us remember the women and men who are weighing in the balance whether to turn their child over to a stranger to be killed, or to a stranger so their child can live.

Scripture:

So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months. But when she could no longer hide him, she took an arc of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.

— *Exodus 2:3 (NKJV)*

Reflection:

Such is the familiar account of the Hebrew woman whose trust in God compelled her to fashion a basket, place it in the Nile and deliver Moses to safety.

Thousands of sidewalk counselors and prayer supporters across the world pray for the day, the hour, the minute that God will use them to share with an expectant mother the precious act of releasing her child to be adopted.

That opportunity rarely happens. When it does, one will often hear, "...I'm not turning my baby over to a stranger!" The irony of her retort, by

keeping her appointment, she will be doing the very same thing. The abortionist, the ultimate stranger renders the adoption option null and void.

But let's not lose hope and continue to pray for those rare moments. We're really asking a lot. We are asking a woman to believe a total stranger, to place her yet to born child in a "basket", and launch him or her out to a stranger's care.

Think what would you or I do? Which "stranger" will I send my child to? How can we help the woman who's in fear, without hope and weary?

Prayer:

"The Lord has given me the tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary." Isaiah 50:4

Heavenly Father, you are the God of all comfort and the light yoke. Help us to share the good news of the Gospel and the gospel of life. Give us compassion for the weary, those without hope, living in fear.

Help us deliver Your Word in the right way, the right spirit, with compassion so women will put their trust in you and have their children adopted. To God be the glory! Amen.