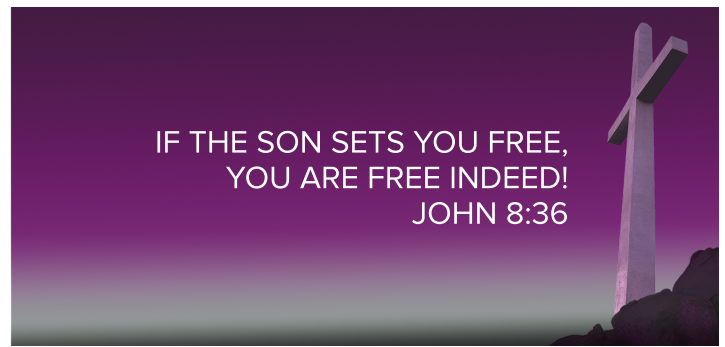


# Jesus IOI

## “Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

We will often find ourselves in seemingly dead-end situations on our way to the heavenly Promised Land. When we run out of wisdom, strength, and resources, we always face the same choice: will we trust God or be consumed by anxiety? Will we trust Him with all our hearts, or will we rely on our own understanding? Will we let go and let God take over or try harder to control an uncontrollable situation?

I can't imagine what his [Moses'] mother must have been thinking as she prepared the small vessel. How was she able to let him go? While Pharaoh's terrible plan C was being enforced, a young couple, descendants of Levi, had a baby boy. It meant that any Egyptian who found out about the baby was supposed to cast him into the Nile. Therefore, the baby's mother hid him for three months. *Three* months! She did all she could, but after three months she could conceal him no more. She got a basket, covered it with tar and pitch, placed the baby inside, and set the basket among the reeds in the Nile. Can you imagine that? Perhaps you too have done all you could for a child, a spouse, a friend, a family member, a coworker. And now it is time to let go and let God take over. Perhaps you are exhausted trying to *save* someone, and now you have hit a brick wall. You have tried for three months, three years or three decades, and now there is nothing else you can do, other than pray. I have discovered that it takes more faith to let go and let God do whatever He has purposed to do than to keep trying to hide "it," whatever "it" may be in your life. Do we trust God to take over our loved one's life?

Talbot, Elizabeth - *The Exodus Journey*, pp. 12-13.