

## Who Do You Fear?

### Description

[RG AUDIO 083011](#) Exodus 1:15-22

Hard labor wasn't solving Pharaoh's Hebrew problem. • He came up with another solution—kill the boy babies at birth. The Hebrew midwives who were commanded to perform the grizzly task were in a tough place. You didn't tell Pharaoh—no!—not if you wanted to take another breath. The text doesn't say they feared Pharaoh; instead, they feared the God of Israel. They would not obey Pharaoh.

When the midwives were called to account for not obeying Pharaoh's command, they came up with a creative explanation: The Hebrew women were not like Egyptian women. • They are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrived • (v. 19). Pharaoh was a man after all; he didn't know nothin' about birthin' no babies! • Pharaoh believed their explanation.

Pharaoh may not have been smart, but he was determined. He commanded his people to throw any Hebrew male infants into the Nile. • That will solve the problem, • he may have thought. Pharaoh's Final Solution • became the opportunity for God to open another chapter in the plan of salvation.

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