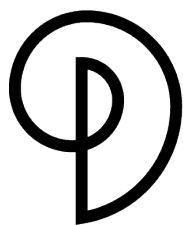
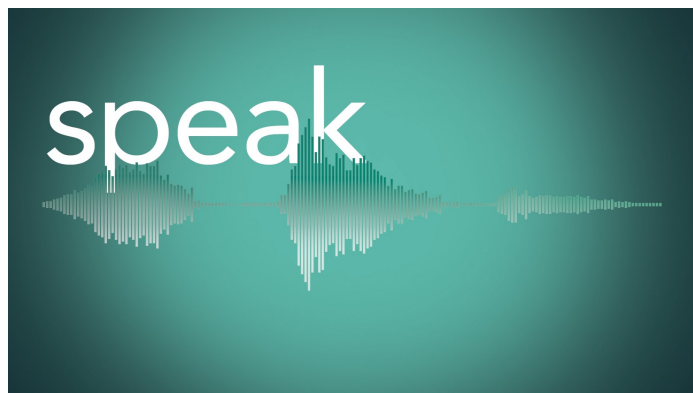


# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Speak ... Courage

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Between a rock and a hard place? Faced with impossible choices? We often find ourselves in situations that require courage, but to go it alone can be daunting. That's why it is important to be able and willing to speak courage to one another. So, how do we do that?

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: EXODUS 1:15-21

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

Shiphrah and Puah are Egyptian midwives who have been tasked by their Pharaoh to kill every newborn Hebrew male in an effort to stamp out the booming population of the Israelites. Knowing their impossible moral situation, they speak courage to one another, leading to events that would eventually bring freedom to the Israelites.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ***All of us will find ourselves in crossroad situations. It may be a job transition where you need to take a leap of faith to what is next. It might be the decision to stop or start a relationship. It might be letting the world around you know that you need help with addiction. Or it might be that you know that you need extra help as you age, but you're afraid to reach out.*** Share about a crossroad situation you have experienced. Who spoke courage to you? What did they say?
- ***To be courageous is to be fully present in all the emotions you have about a situation.*** Using this definition of courage, share about a time that you were courageous. What are some other ways that courage gets defined? Which definition is most helpful to you and why?
- In today's scripture reading, we aren't told the words of courage spoken between the midwives. We only get the outcome: ***"but they feared God, and let the boys live."*** What do you imagine they might have said to one another?
- We DO know that the midwives had trained for courage and that they believed a different story. Share about a time that you were courageous because "you had been preparing for this moment your whole life." Have you ever spoken the good news of the gospel to somebody who needed to hear it? Has anybody ever spoken it to you when you needed to hear it? Share about that.

**CHALLENGE:** This week, think of somebody who needs to hear that Resurrection happened and still happens - that new life is possible in their current situation. Then, speak courage!