

“Confident Faith” as we go to “Flourish in our Confidence in God’s Character,”

Confidence that God hears, responds to and protects His people Hebrew 11:23-29.

Moses and his life Exodus 1:1-35:3 & Deuteronomy 31-34

By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict (Hebrew 11:23).

Just to familiarize everyone with the story, we all know the story of Joseph. He settled in Egypt and was able to bring all his brothers and their families to settle there with him. After a long time, all that generation died but the Israelites continued to grow in numbers. A new king who did not know about the history between the Israelites and the old king took over and he hated the Israelites. He wanted them to die and made them suffer terribly and ordered their male children to be killed during birth.

Faith to be Brave

Moses’ parents who were Levites (a group of Israelites set apart for God’s service) hid him so that he would not be killed. The Bible says that they saw that he was different, meaning not just a beautiful child in their eyes because as parents we think our children are the most beautiful, but this was not just the parents’ natural affection for their son, they saw that God had a special purpose for him (Cockerill, 251). And though they were afraid, they were able to hide him from the Egyptians for fear that he might be killed.

Like Moses’ parents, we are often called to take courageous steps of faith. Sometimes, this means choosing to trust God’s plan in uncertain and dangerous circumstances. When life presents difficult choices, we must remember that God’s will is greater than the fear of worldly authority or opposition. Trusting God requires both faith and action.

Faith to be Humble

Moses is “found” by Pharaoh’s daughter who raised him as his own but later when he realized he was an Israelite he wanted to be with his own people.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Moses' life teaches us about God's faithfulness in leading us through the life. He chose to suffer with the common people instead of enjoying a royal life which shows us the kind of leader he was. He could at any time have turned back to go to the life of royalty in the palace. He could have remained hidden since no one knew about his identity, but he chose to be with the Egyptians and their suffering. He knew there was something better for him ahead.

When we feel unprepared or unqualified, we must remember God equips those whom He calls. His plan for us often requires us to step out in faith, trusting that He will guide us, just as He guided Moses through the wilderness. Moses' faith was displayed in his willingness to choose God's will over comfort, and God's protection followed him every step of the way. In the end Moses a Levite who did not qualify for a land inheritance, was given land through his descendants who were able to reach the promised land which is a better reward than remaining in a palace.

Faith to Persevere

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

When Moses left Egypt, he was a fugitive who had killed another man. By right the king could have had him thrown in jail but Moses did not care about the king's anger because he saw Jesus. The faith of Moses led him to patient perseverance even in the face of suffering and persecution because he kept his eyes focused on God, the same God who told him "You cannot see my face, for no man can see my face and live (Exodus 33:20)." The seeing here is not the physical appearance of God but Moses saw Him by faith. Our God is invisible yet omnipresent. Moses trusted God with the Passover and God in turn gave His first born (Jesus) that all the people of the world would be saved through Him. God gave us what the world cannot destroy.

Application:

Like Moses and his parents, we are called to live by faith, not by sight. There are too many distractions and false securities in the world today, but true security and assurance is found only in God. We can safely leave behind what is familiar and follow God's leading because He has something greater for us. Let us go through life knowing that he hears our prayers, responds with care and provides a safe space for us in the darkest of times.

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Moses' example of leadership shows us the importance of trusting God even when we feel overwhelmed or unsure. As we face challenges in our own lives, we must remember that God's presence is constant. Like Moses, we are called to lead with faith and to trust in God's promises. He who has begun a good work in us, he is faithful to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6).