

MOSES' FAITH

Hebrews 11:23-29

An admirable faith sacrifices comforts for the sake of convictions

I. PARENTAL FAITH (23)

- Undeterred by threats

A. HIDING MOSES FROM AUTHORITIES

B. SEEING MOSES WAS EXCEPTIONAL

- Understanding that God had a special plan for this child

C. PRESERVING MOSES FROM PHARAOGH'S THREATS

- They did not consider their efforts risky or reckless

II. PERSONAL FAITH (24-26)

- Unimpressed with favor

A. HE REFUSED EGYPTIAN STATUS (24)

1. Renouncing all that his relationship provided
2. Disregarding his own personal interests

B. HE CHOSE GOD'S PEOPLE (25)

1. Committing to a solidarity with the suffering
 2. Understanding that they were the people of God and not the slaves of Egypt
 3. Giving up any temporal sinful pleasures
- The sin would have been that of disloyalty and disregard for his people

C. HE CONSIDERED GREATER RICHES (26)

1. His Consideration: Making a decision after weighing the facts
2. His Valuation: The reproach of Christ is better than the riches of kings
3. His Vision: Looking away from one thing to focus on another
4. His Goal: Not the temporal but the eternal

III. **PUBLIC FAITH** (27-29)

- Undaunted by fear

A. LEAVING EGYPT (27)

1. Not fearing: Moses did not allow fear to make him inactive
2. Enduring: Persisting because of perspective

B. KEEPING PASSOVER (28)

1. Sprinkling Blood
2. Avoiding the Destroyer

C. CROSSING THE SEA (29)

1. Having an impact > Note “They” passed
2. Walking on dry land
3. Seeing the Egyptians perish

IV. **PRACTICAL FAITH**

- Additional applications

A. OUR DECISIONS DEFINE US

1. By Faith ...
 - Moses was hidden (23), refused (24), chose (25), considered (26), left (27), kept (28) and passed (29)
2. By Flesh
 - a. Fear of the threatening (23)
 - b. A passion for privilege (24)
 - c. Choosing pleasure over pain (25)
 - d. Focusing on the temporal over the eternal (26)
 - e. Fear of the fuming (27)
 - f. A disregard for detailed information (28)
 - g. Standing back rather than moving forward (29)

B. OUR DEPARTURES DECLARE US

1. Moses’ parents left the norm (23)
2. Moses left the “good life” (24)
3. Israel left slavery (29)

C. OUR FOCUS DIRECTS US

1. Looking up provides comfort
2. Looking around produces fear

CONCLUSION:

We are called to live by a faith wholly focused on God

- When we do, we should willingly sacrifice the temporal for the eternal