

## Facing Fear By Faith

### Introduction and Review

- Last week we looked at the faith of believers at the end of life in Heb. 11:20-22.
- We learned from Isaac that we can die in faith while blessing other people in spite of our family's sins (v. 20).
- We learned from Jacob that we can die in faith while blessing other people in spite of our suffering (v. 21).
- We learned from Joseph that we can face death in faith while planning our future & the future of other people (v. 22).
- Today we'll learn more about this kind of faith that pleases God from Moses & his family – **believers facing fear**.

### I. Faith That Does Not Fear Evil Authority

#### A. Parents overcome fear by faith (v. 23)

*Pharaoh king of Egypt was threatened by the growth of Jews enslaved in Egypt. So he ordered all male Hebrew babies to be drowned in the Nile River. In order to protect their baby, the parents of Moses defied Pharaoh's order by hiding him for 3 months & then putting him in a waterproof basket in the Nile (Ex. 1:22-2:10). By faith they risked their own lives in every defiant action because **God enabled the parents to see that the baby was special to God for the future** – unseen (Ac. 7:20).*

#### B. Timid leader overcomes fear by faith (v. 27)

*Moses grew up as an Egyptian, killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave & then fled for his life as Pharaoh sought to kill him=fear. 40 years later Moses returns to Egypt with the faith to be courageous as he faces Pharaoh with the 10 plagues or signs from God (Ex. 5-11). Moses had seen the **Almighty invisible God** overcome the powerful Pharaoh & he trusted the unseen God for deliverance!*

*Fear affected Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Aaron, 10 spies, Gideon, 12 disciples in storm, etc. Fear affects all of us (Lk. 22:31-34): losing savings, health, sight, mind, child; homeless, hospitals, germs, airplanes, ships, violent weather, etc. – we must overcome!*

### II. Faith That Does Not Compromise For Worldly Pleasures

#### A. Refusing (v. 24)

*Pharaoh's daughter found baby Moses, adopted him & gave him back to his mother to care for him. His mother raised Moses as a Hebrew (with God's truth) before giving him back to Pharaoh's daughter as her son. Moses' mother was poor & gave him what God had to offer. Pharaoh's daughter was rich & gave what the world has to offer (Ac. 7:20-22). By faith in God Moses **as an adult** was able to refuse the wealth & power of the world. *Godly mothers have a significant influence on their children. Moses is 40 years old, separated from his family the majority of life, but he has the faith to refuse what the world has to offer = godly mother!**

#### B. Choosing (v. 25)

*By faith Moses willingly chose suffering in the will of God rather than temporary worldly pleasures outside God's will. He chose the path of suffering when he killed the Egyptian. *Sometimes the believer must chose to suffer rather than accept a new job, friends, ministry, etc. because it's outside God's will. Moses chose the path of suffering when he **gave up** the pleasures he had been accustomed to for 30 years+.**

#### C. Considering (v. 26)

*The word translated "consider" (ἠγέομαι) means to give careful thought. Moses gave careful thought to what was valuable now & in the future (1Co. 15:58). Godly decisions take future consequences into account. *Moses was a man of conviction, but still negatively affected by fear – "fled".**

#### D. Keeping (v. 28)

*By faith Moses ate the last meal in slavery with God's people rather than Pharaoh's people according to God's instructions. He also applied the blood to the doorframes according to God's instructions. Moses protected God's people from the 10<sup>th</sup> plague by keeping or obeying God's word! *Safety for the believer is found only in obeying the will & word of God = overcome fear!**

## CONCLUSION

So then my brothers & sisters what have you learned from Moses & his family today about facing your fears by faith? Are you willing to admit that you have some fears? Your fears will eventually surface causing you to make a wrong decision & miss the will of God.

Therefore it is best to address your fears before they cause more problems for you publicly. Follow the pattern of Moses: 1) Refuse to yield to worldly temptation out of fear, 2) Chose to suffer loss for Christ's sake, 3) Consider future consequences of your decision & 4) Keep or obey the word of God that He has taught (1Co. 10:13). I struggle with fear, but I'm a man of conviction who is learning to live by faith. What about you? We learn from the life of Moses that we can have victory over our fears & our children can have victory over their fears as we model a life of faith & teach them!

If you are not a Christian, then you should fear the future because danger awaits you in the future. There is only one place of safety from the eternal danger that awaits every sinner. Jesus is that place of safety and He will save you from eternal misery & pain, but you must believe...

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