

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Hebrews 11:23-28, we witness 4 acts of courageous faith from the life of Moses.

- I. Moses' parents courageously acted by faith to hide him (v. 23).
- II. Moses courageously chose Christ over privilege and wealth.
  - A. He refused to be called Pharaoh's daughter's son (v. 24).
  - B. He chose to suffer rather than enjoy sin's fleeting pleasures as he looked toward his reward (vs. 25-26).
- III. Moses courageously left Egypt as he kept his eye on his invisible God (v. 27).
- IV. Moses courageously kept the Passover to receive God's promise (v. 28).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 11, 2021

Passage: Hebrews 11:23-28

Memory Passage: Hebrews 11:24-26

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Heb. 11:1-22.** Because we've been away from our study of Hebrews for 3 weeks, spend today reading 11:1-22 and making a list of everything you have learned about faith so far. For example, what faith is, what faith does, and what faith looks like. Also, write down all the applications you have put into practice as we have studied this chapter.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:23-28 & Ex. 1:1-2:10.** To whom does the "by faith" description refer in v. 23?
- (b) What did Moses' parents do "by faith" in v. 23, and why was it considered an act of faith (cf. 11:1)?
- (c) What did they notice about the child when "they saw that the child was beautiful" (cf. Ex. 2:2 & Acts 7:20)?
- (d) What was "the king's edict" (v. 23; cf. Ex. 1:22), and why were Moses' parents "not afraid of" it?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:23-28 & Ex. 2:11-22.** What part of the Exodus text supports our author's contention that Moses "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter?"
- (b) In what way was Moses "mistreated with the people of God?" Explain how the life he turned from would have been "enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin" (v. 25).
- (c) Is our writer importing the NT into the OT when he says, "Moses considered the reproach of Christ?" What does he mean by this since Moses lived a millennium and a half before Christ?
- (d) To what "reward" was Moses looking, and how did this fuel his desire and ability to make this choice (v. 26)?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:23-28.** Did Moses leave Egypt because he was afraid of the Pharaoh (Ex. 2:14-15) or not afraid (Heb. 11:27)? Explain how both these ideas can be true.
- (b) Moses continued enduring "as seeing him who is invisible." To what does this refer in the context of Ex. 2?
- (c) How does the author of Hebrews use this idea to continue his exhortation to his original hearers to remain faithful when tempted to turn back to Judaism, especially with the themes and images found in chapter 11?
- (d) Briefly explain the original Passover (Ex. 12:1-30) and how this demonstrated Moses' faith (Heb. 11:29).

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Heb. 11:23-28.** Read 1 John 2:15-17 and contemplate Moses' choice to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy Egypt's riches and their fleeting pleasures of sin. In what ways are you tempted to love the world and enjoy fleeting pleasures of sin rather than pursue Christ even through suffering? How does studying Moses' decision strengthen and equip you to make wise, godly, eternally beneficial choices when Satan tempts you with the riches of the world?
- (b) In what ways are you offered the opportunity to bear "the reproach of Christ" (11:26; cf. 13:13-15)? In what ways do you shun this opportunity?
- (c) Write down all the "treasures" you possess. These can be good things and not necessarily sinful; they can be "stuff & things" or people. In what ways do these treasures become idols for you that catapult you into the "fleeting pleasures of sin?"
- (d) How does Christ and His work on your behalf, as well as your promised reward, empower you to worship the Giver of each of these good gifts (James 1:17) without worshipping the gift? How will you make the choice Moses made in the coming days when you face temptations to store up treasures here on earth rather than in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21), where you will receive your reward?

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