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Hebrews 11

By Faith Moses' Parents...

Faith Acknowledges Children Belong to God

- ❖ They saw he was beautiful, and “*well pleasing to God*” – *Exodus 2:1-2; Hebrews 11:23; Acts 7:20*
- ❖ “*By faith*” indicates some measure of instruction from God.
- ❖ Children are a blessing from God – *Psalms 127:3-5*
- ❖ Children are created for serving God as all others – *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

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Faith Teaches Children About God

- ❖ Moses' decision was "by faith" – *Hebrews 11:24* – i.e. not a choice without substantive basis.
- ❖ Moses' mother became his nurse, and he became Pharaoh's daughter only after he grew – *Exodus 2:7-10*
- ❖ Parents, with the father taking the lead, are to bring up children in the way of the Lord – *Ephesians 6:4*

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Faith Refuses Identification with the World

- ❖ Moses became Pharaoh's daughter but identified with the Israelites – *Exodus 2:10-11; Hebrews 11:24-25* – He knew they were “*the people of God.*”
- ❖ Disciples are called Christians – *Acts 11:26*
- ❖ This identity is derided by the world – *James 2:7; Acts 24:5*
- ❖ However, faith realizes the blessing of such identity – *2 Timothy 1:12*

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Faith is Not Enchanted by the World's Offer

- ❖ Moses, like Abraham, refused to be blinded by the temporal – *Hebrews 11:10, 25-26*
- ❖ Faith realizes life is fleeting – *James 4:4*
- ❖ Faith realizes the world is temporary – *1 John 2:17*
- ❖ Therefore, faith realizes what the world offers is not worthwhile – *1 Timothy 6:17-19*
- ❖ Faith looks to the eternal reward – *1 Peter 1:4*

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Faith Values Suffering for the Lord

- ❖ Moses knew his choice would bring hardship, but counted such as worth more than the leisure of Egypt – *Hebrews 11:25-26*
- ❖ “*reproach of Christ*” – Certainly, Moses was not informed of Christ to the degree we are, but he wrote of Him – *John 5:46; Genesis 12:3* – He knew of a greater spiritual and eternal purpose of God.
- ❖ The Christian knows suffering for the Lord is honorable, and worthwhile – *1 Peter 3:13-15; 4:12-16; Mark 8:34-35*

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Faith Fears No Man

- ❖ Moses was not worried about the king – *Hebrews 11:27*
- ❖ The Christian will encounter opposition, but faith trusts in the one with power to alter the eternal, not the ephemeral – *Matthew 10:16-17, 21-23, 27-33*
- ❖ We must have the resolve of Peter and John – *Acts 5:27-29*

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Faith Understands the Importance of Keeping the Pattern

- ❖ To avoid being affected by the 10th plague, Moses led the people to follow God's instructions concerning the Passover – *Hebrews 11:28; Exodus 12*
- ❖ Like Noah, the Israelites did ALL God commanded – *Exodus 12:28*
- ❖ When God gives instruction, we are to hold fast to it – *2 Timothy 1:13*
- ❖ God is not honored when we depart from His word – *Matthew 15:8-9*

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