

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

WALKING IN FAITH

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PART 8: THE ENFORCER

As the apostle Paul used chapter 11 of Hebrews to describe faith in God, we have now come to his description of the faith that Moses possessed.

- ❖ Moses was condemned to death before he was born.
- ❖ He survived through a miracle and went from a Hebrew slave to a prince at the court of Pharaoh.
- ❖ He killed an Egyptian slave guard as a prince of Egypt and had to flee.
- ❖ At the age of 40 he went from being a prince to a sheep herder.
- ❖ At the age of 80 he became God's enforcer to convince Pharaoh of the benefit of releasing the Hebrews and then enforced God's will upon the most stubborn people in the world. **Exodus 32:9**

FAITH IN GOD WHEN MOSES WAS A BABY

Christians living in 2011 don't understand what it was like living under a king. There were no laws protecting the citizen of a nation because they were written to benefit the king, his princes (political leaders) and the ruling class. There were no civil rights, so if a person broke the laws of the king, it was hard labor in prison, severe beatings, sold as a slave and even execution.

When Pharaoh decreed that all male babies were to be killed at birth, Jochebed, the mother of Moses took a great risk in letting him live. She really had faith that God would protect her and the baby. **Exodus 1:22; 2:1-3**

God honored that faith and moved upon the heart of Pharaoh's daughter to save the child. This was in accordance with God's plan from the beginning before Creation but Jochebed didn't know it. **verses 4-10**

This was faith in action. **Hebrews 11:23**

MOSES REFUSED TO ADOPT THE EGYPTIAN RELIGION

Moses was brought to the court of Pharaoh to be raised as a prince and was educated in reading, writing, history, politics, finances, science, medicine, and the religion of the land. The Bible doesn't tell us how old Moses was when his mother handed him over to Pharaoh's daughter but it is obvious that he was instructed in the faith of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He also knew that he was an adopted Hebrew.

There must have been a struggle in his life because he decided to visit the area where the Hebrew slaves worked at the age of 40, and when he saw the brutality



of the Egyptian slave handlers, he made the decision to break with the Egyptians and side with his blood relatives. **Acts 7:20-24**

Moses probably entertained the idea of rescuing the Hebrew slaves from their suffering, knowing that he eventually would become the next Pharaoh since he was the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, just like Joseph had done 400 years earlier. But this was not in accordance with God's plan because He didn't want the children of Israel to be merely set free from their slavery but to be completely removed from Egypt. **Acts 7:25-28**

FORTY YEARS OF WAITING ON GOD

Forty years is a long time for a human being but it is just a little bit less than an hour for God. God's plans are not like the plans of men, and if we understand that, we will save ourselves from a lot of agony. **Isaiah 55:6-11**

Instead of being the hero, Moses had to flee into the desert to save his life. **Exodus 2:13-15**

God sent Moses to the priest of the Midianites who worshiped the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He was given a wife and the mighty prince of Egypt became a humble shepherd in the desert. **verses 16-22**

Moses got up each morning for the next 40 years to tend his sheep. He probably thought that he would never see Egypt again and the dream of setting the Hebrew slaves free was dead. The only thing Moses had left was his faith in God. Hebrews 11:24-27

IN GOD'S TIMING

God activated his plan for the children of Israel forty years after Moses fled from Egypt. Moses had never abandoned his faith in God but he did not have a vision for his own life. **Acts 7:30-34**

Moses still had doubts despite the miracle of the burning bush and the direct communication by God. **Exodus 3:1-17**

Moses was just like you and I are today.

- ❖ He had failed to deliver his people 40 years earlier.
- ❖ His own people had rejected him as a judge and ruler.
- ❖ He was now 80 years old.

There were two great mountains: Pharaoh and the Hebrew slaves. **Exodus 4:1-13**

It was the anger of the Lord that put the fear of God into Moses and compelled him to go; fear drove him to obedience. **verses 14-18**

A GREAT LEAP OF FAITH

God gave the dreaded command for Moses to walk to the capitol of Egypt and call upon the palace of Pharaoh and tell him to release all his Hebrew slaves.

Exodus 5:1-5

- ❖ Two men representing the Hebrew slaves gave a demand to Pharaoh.
- ❖ They faced imminent death.
- ❖ There was no sign from God.

MOSES AND AARON SHOWED GREAT FAITH IN GOD!

Moses and Aaron were rebuffed instead of being successful. **verses 6-14**

The Hebrew slaves who had been set as supervisors were beaten. **verses 15-19**

They rebuked Moses and Aaron in anger. **verses 20-21**

Moses had to deal with a terrible setback and told God about it. **verses 22-23**

LEARN TO HANG ON

We don't know how long the doom and gloom lasted but God told Moses to move forward and confront Pharaoh again. I call it "midnight faith" when a person is at their lowest point of faith and God says to step out and walk on the water.

Exodus 6:1-13

The faith of Moses and Aaron became solid once they confronted Pharaoh.

Ex.7:10-21

You cannot have a Red Sea experience until you've had a "midnight faith" experience. **Exodus 14:10-31; Hebrews 11:28-29**

God is not a respecter of persons. **Acts 10:34**

God wants to do through every believer in Christ what He did with Moses. **John 14: 11-15**

Pick up your faith today! Romans 10:13

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?