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Faith produced an ability to let go of Egypt. (**Hebrews 11:27** By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.) So, by the means of faith Moses was enabled to forsake, "in the sense of to leave, to abandon, forsake, to leave but stronger."

Moses's faith-based action was to forsake his privileged position. He left the luxury of Egypt. Not only this, but his faith-based action also allowed him to make the decision of not fearing the king. We understand that Moses had reason to fear the king. Exodus 2:11-15 gives us the historical background: "**11** And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. **12** And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. **13** And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? **14** And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. **15** Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well."

Stephen gives us Moses thinking in Acts 7:23-29. "**23** And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. **24** And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: **25** For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. **26** And the next day he showed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? **27** But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? **28** Wilt thou kill me, as thou didst the Egyptian yesterday? **29** Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Midian, where he begat two sons."

This account is very enlightening regarding the point that God is taking away from Moses any dependence on man. No wonder Exodus 6:12-13 says: "And Moses spoke before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? **13** And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt."

Now we have looked at these verses last week, but I see God's encouragement to Moses had nothing to do with what Moses could produce but rather what God had provided through providence. Moses's use to God was in realizing God's position over all. Even the removing of Moses's enemies was done without his help. (**Exodus 4:19** And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.) What did Moses's faith help him see? It enabled him to forsake Egypt and not fear the king.

**Hebrews 11:27** "for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Endured means "to be strong, steadfast, firm, to endure, hold out, bear the burden. Heb. 11:27 means that he endured severe yet voluntary exile with strength and courage." Moses was able to see what the physical eyes couldn't. I Timothy 1:17 tells us the nature of God: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (**I Timothy 6:16** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.)

Moses however by faith was able to see the invisible. Exodus 3:1-6 gives us the details of this historical fact: "Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. **2** And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. **3** And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. **4** And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush,

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and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. **5** And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. **6** Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.”

Stephen again gives us insight in Acts 7:30-35 “**30** And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. **31** When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, **32** Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. **33** Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. **34** I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt. **35** This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.”

Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:18 says, “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” I found the Word Complete Study Bible chapter heading very interesting— “Never Give Up.” In verse 2 we walk according to truth. “But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.” Verses 5 and 6 speak of his preaching. “**5** For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. **6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

This knowledge enables steadfastness in perilous times. “**7** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. **8** We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; **9** Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; **10** Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. **11** For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. **12** So then death worketh in us, but life in you. **13** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.” We understand we will one day be raised up. “**14** Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.”

He wanted to see God’s grace super abound in them for God’s glory. “**15** For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.” We don’t faint because of our restoration of the inner man that is the place enabling us to see the unseen “**16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; **18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

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Faith produced a taking of the Passover. (**Hebrews 11:28** Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.) The historical account as given to us in Exodus 12:3-13. (**3** Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house: **4** And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall

be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: **6** And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. **7** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. **8** Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. **9** And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover. **10** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. **11** And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. **12** And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.)

First, notice the lamb. In verse 4, we can see that the lamb will provide for the household (And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.) Notice the personal individual was to have the lamb, then his household, and then his neighbour. We see this philosophy in Acts 1:8. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Also, we see this in Acts 16:30-33. "**30** And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? **31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. **32** And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. **33** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway." We must first personally partake of the Lamb, and then our family, and then our neighbours.

I think this is an extremely important point. We see the lamb pictures Christ and His provision to us for salvation meaning regeneration and residency of the Godhead. However, there was an order of importance given to the patriarchal heads of the family was to ensure that he partook, that his family partook, and then that his neighbour partook. Please never rob your families' spiritual nurturing and give it to your neighbour.

Make sure the lamb is without blemish, a male of the first year. Leviticus 22:22 gives the definition of what the blemish entails. "Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the Lord, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the Lord." Malachi 1:8 shows us God's view on offering a lamb that is blemished. "And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee or accept thy person? saith the Lord of hosts." In John 1:29, we see John the Baptist says, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." **1 Corinthians 5:7** "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:"

Also, John 8:46 gives us more insight. "Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" Christ truly was the Lamb without blemish and without spot as told to us in I Peter 1:19. "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" William MacDonald gives us this explanation "It was to be without blemish, speaking of the sinlessness of Christ; a male of the first year, perhaps suggesting our Lord's being cut off in the prime of life."

Second, notice the sacrifice of the Lamb in Leviticus 12:6. "And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." Matthew 27:45-50 shows how this pictures Christ. "**45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? **47** Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elijah. **48** And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled

it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. **49** The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him. **50** Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.”

William Macdonald gives us this understanding on waiting till the fourteen days and His death: “pointing forward to the Savior’s thirty years of private life in Nazareth, during which He was tested by God, then publicly for three years by the full scrutiny of man; killed by the congregation of Israel, as Christ was taken by wicked hands and slain (Acts 2:23); killed at twilight, between the ninth and eleventh hours, as Jesus was killed at the ninth hour (Matt. 27:45–50).” Exodus 12:7-10 is explained in this way by William MacDonald: “Its blood was to be applied to the door, bringing salvation from the destroyer (v. 7), just as the blood of Christ, appropriated by faith, brings salvation from sin, self, and Satan. The flesh was to be roasted with fire, picturing Christ enduring God’s wrath against our sins. It was to be eaten with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs, symbolizing Christ as the food of His people. We should live lives of sincerity and truth, without the leaven of malice and wickedness, and with true repentance, always remembering the bitterness of Christ’s suffering. Not a bone of the lamb was to be broken (v. 46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof.), a stipulation that was literally fulfilled in the case of our Lord. (**John 19:36** For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.). Verses 20-36 shows the devastation of all that did not apply the blood.

Moses had faith to do what God told him to do. Exodus 12:13 shows us what happened. “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”