

Moses

Hebrews 11:23-29 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. **24** By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; **25** Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; **26** Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. **27** By faith, he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. **28** Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. **29** By faith, they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians attempting to do were drowned.

Faith showed itself in Moses's life in a fivefold way. First, faith produced insight into Moses's parents to see he was a proper child. Second, faith produces a response of refusal to titles of prestige. Third, faith produced an ability to let go of Egypt. Fourth, faith produced a taking of the Passover. Fifth produced power to pass through the Red Sea.

First, faith produced insight into Moses's parents to see he was a proper child. (**11:23** By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.)

The parents: First, their history (**Exodus 1:1-7** Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob. **2** Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, **3** Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, **4** Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. **5** And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already. **6** And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. **7** And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty, and the land was filled with them.)

Second, their environment (**Exodus 1:8-22** Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. **9** And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: **10** Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land. **11** Therefore, they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Rameses. **12** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. **13** And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: **14** And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour. **15** And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: **16** And he said When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. **17** But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. **18** And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive? **19** And the midwives said unto Pharaoh Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. **20** Therefore, God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. **21** And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. **22** And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.)

Third, the individuals identified (**Exodus 2:1-2** And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. **2** And the woman conceived, and bore a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. **Exodus 6:20** And Amram took him Jochebed, his father's sister to wife; and she bore him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty and seven years.)

In verse twelve, Moses is discouraged because men (both Egyptians and Jews) are not listening. (**Exodus 6:12-13** 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.)

God is encouraging Moses to see that God had prepared him through his ancestry to be in a position that would be following the will of God to accomplish God's calling in his life. (**Exodus 6:26-27** These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the Lord said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. **27** These are they which spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.) Jochebed means "the Lord is glory." J. Vernon McGee "It is also essential that Moses and Aaron are who they claim to be. It has been forty years since Moses left Egypt. In the meantime, he has married the daughter of the priest of Midian. Now here he is back in Egypt. Who is he anyway? This genealogy tells who he is. He belongs to the tribe of Levi, and his father and mother are Amram and Jochebed. The genealogy provides the necessary credentials for Moses to accomplish the work he is sent to do in the land of Egypt."

The parent's perception of their baby. Hebrews 11:23 calls him a "proper child." First, they saw their baby as proper, which means "one who dwells in a city and by consequence is well-bred, polite, eloquent, as the inhabitants of cities may be in comparison with those of the country. Used only of Moses, meaning elegant in external form (Acts 7:20)." In Steven's sermon in Acts 7:20, he says this: "In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months." The parents saw the potential in their son.

Second, "and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." To be afraid means "to put in fear, terrify, frighten." The king's command (**Exodus 1:16,22** And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. **22** And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.) When we see this type of wickedness as leaders in our nation. We basically are a nation here in Canada run by psychopathic crime bosses that are afraid of anyone that threatens their power. The last two and a half years show us the most powerful prod that our government has is to get people into a mode of unrealistic fear.

God gives us promises to help us conquer our fears of the kings commands. First, fight covetousness (**Hebrews 13:5-6** Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. **6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.)

Second, focus on God's position (**Psalms 56:1-4** Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. **2** Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High. **3** What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. **4** In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. **Psalms 118:6** The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? **Isaiah 41:10** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.)

Third, focus on God's law over man's threats (**Isaiah 51:7** Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. **51:12** I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass. **Matthew 10:28** I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass. **Luke 12:4-5** And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. **5** But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.