

Moses: The Choices of Faith

Hebrews 11:23-28

Introduction

The story of Moses is a story of choices. Moses’ parents, Amram and Jochebed, started a legacy of choosing God’s way by making the choice to follow God’s plan instead of that of the culture. They protected their son Moses from the culture, because they believed that God had a destiny for him. Instead of following the directives of the society in which they lived, they chose to believe that God valued life, specifically the life of their son.

In verses 24 – 26, the Scriptures illustrates that faith chooses God’s priorities. Even as a grown man, Moses followed in his parents footsteps and chose God over the recognition of the culture, the pleasures of this world, and over the resources of others. He chose God’s priorities for him and believed in the purposes of God for his life.

Moses chose to see his situation from God’s perspective. In verse 27, Moses kept his faith in God even when a powerful person challenged his stand. Moses believed God. He refused to be threatened or controlled by people – even the wrath of a king.

The faith of Amram and Jochebed influenced their son Moses. Moses then went on to influence a nation (vs. 28). Israel exercised the choice of faith when they believed God for provision during the Passover. By putting blood on the doorposts, the angel of death wouldn’t touch those in their homes. Their faith enabled them to know life while the Egyptians experienced death.

Believers today can experience both eternal and present day abundant life by choosing God’s provision in the person of Jesus Christ over the culture’s way of thinking and doing things. In doing so, we can encounter God’s plan working out in our lives.

Getting Started

1. Did you demonstrate making choices of faith once you left your parent’s home? Why or why not? How do you wish you would have chosen differently?
2. Moses chose faith despite Pharaoh’s anger and threats. Have you ever had anyone in a position of power to threaten you or treat you poorly because of your decision to choose what you believe over what is popular or widely accepted?

Let’s Get Personal

1. Moses’ parents took a big risk by protecting their son in the face of the directive to kill him. Who in your life has taken a risk for you? Prayed for you? Believed in you?
2. Moses traded the prestige and riches of the palace to make a choice for God. How might a Christian be called to make this same type of choice; one that may put you at a financial disadvantage or hinder your professional mobility?
3. Moses was greatly influenced by his parents’ choice of faith. Who has greatly influenced you and how? (parent, co-worker, friend, or relative)

Take the Next Step

1. How will you exercise your faith in following God’s instruction where it conflicts with the culturally accepted norms?
2. Moses’ choice of faith allowed him to stand without fear in verse 27. What fear do you need to overcome as you make choices for Christ?
3. What is one commitment or choice of faith that you will make this week to which your group can hold you accountable for and ask you about next time you get together?

Renew Your Mind

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...” Hebrews 11:1
