

COURAGEOUS FAITH (Heb. 11:23-26)

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TEXT— Read Heb. 11:23-26

MAIN IDEA—Christians are called to express courageous faith by treasuring Christ more than this temporary world and looking forward to God's reward.

1. COURAGEOUS PARENTING (Heb. 11:23)—Moses was born during an extremely dangerous time in history. Following the death of Joseph, a new Pharaoh came to power that didn't know Joseph or his people (**Ex. 1:8**). Yet the Hebrews multiplied in the land so fast that they began to outnumber and threaten the Egyptians (**Ex. 1:7**). So, Pharaoh enslaved the Hebrews and commanded that all male Hebrew babies be aborted to stifle their growth (**Ex. 1:11, 22**). **Ex. 2:1-10**

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Moses' Parents teach us 3 things about Courageous Faith in our parenting. They teach us about:

***Prayer**—is an expression of dependence on God. **Prov. 16:3**

***Sacrifice**—They had to do what they believed was best for Moses, releasing him into the Nile.

***Modeling**—Moses' parents defied the Kings command '*by faith.*'

Richard D. Phillips—*This is how we pass on the faith to our children: by our words, but more pointedly by our actions. Children are either hardened by the hypocrisy of their parents, or like Moses they are inspired by the consistency between word and deed. If we are unforgiving with our children and show an unwillingness to admit our sins, then we communicate a lack of*

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grace to them. If we speak harshly of people, seeming to rejoice in their failures and follies, then we communicate a religion other than that of Christianity. ...But when we are quick to repent and ready to forgive, when we trust the Lord for our own provision and give freely to others, and when we speak graciously of other sinners—to list just a few practical applications—we show our children our belief in a God who is merciful and kind and mighty to save.

2. COURAGEOUS ACTIONS (Heb. 11:23)—Every day for 3 months, Moses' parents hid him, knowing that if they were caught, they would all be slaughtered. Babies eat, sleep, and definitely cry! Nevertheless, his parents didn't let the fear of the king stop them from trusting God.

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Prov. 29:25; Prov. 14:26

Ps. 34:4-7

3. COURAGEOUS CHOICES (Heb. 11:24-25)—Here Moses had grown up (i.e. approximately 40 years old at this time). He was extremely intelligent and powerful in word and deed. He received a superior education being raised by Pharaoh's daughter, but God had a greater purpose for Moses' life, and by grace he knew and pursued it (**Acts 7:22-28**).

Ex. 2:11-12

A. Moses left worldly honor and power behind no longer being a member of Egypt's social elite. Nor would he be Pharaoh's future successor.

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B. He turned his back on the temporary pleasures of sin, which are available to those of such an elite group as Pharaoh's court. Instead, he chose to endure suffering with God's people.

C. He turned his back on the 'treasures of Egypt,' which were vast beyond our comprehension.

Materialism—a preoccupation with material things rather than intellectual or spiritual things.

Lk. 12:15

Mk. 8:34-38

4. HEAVENLY VISION (Heb. 11:26—*for he was looking to the reward.*)—Moses endured suffering with God's people and rejected sin's limited pleasures because he valued Christ more than any

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earthly treasure. He walked with heavenly vision by looking to the reward and so must we.

Heb. 11:13-16

Ex. 3:14-15

What's fueling your hope? What is captivating your vision? Is it Christ and His glorious Kingdom or the passing pleasures of this world?

Our motivation for purity and joyful perseverance in the midst of earthly trials is the hope of seeing Christ face to face **[1 Jn. 3:2-3]**.

MEMORY VERSE—Rom. 8:18