

**"The Walk of Faith"**

**Part 19**

**11:1-40**

**Introductions:** Last week in our study of Hebrews we started into the life of Moses and it was in that study that we were able to see the faith of Moses when he chose to suffer affliction with his people instead of living a life of comfort in the palace. Moses refused to be called the "son of Pharaoh's daughter".

**Notice Hebrews 11:24-26**

There is something else within these verses which I did not touch on last week and I believe it is important to see it. We are told here that Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ to be greater riches than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. This means that Moses, BY FAITH, believed that to live for the cause of the Messiah even though it would mean great suffering was far greater in value than anything which Egypt had to offer. Now what we need to see here is that Moses understood that the suffering which his people were going through under the Egyptians was a satanic attack pointed directly at the promise of the Messiah. The affliction which had come upon the people of Israel was an attempt by Satan to stop the promise of God concerning the future Redeemer. Moses had the ability to see things through spiritual eyes.

This now brings us to where we are tonight.

I. **The Examples of Faith**

**Part 16**

A. **The Faith of Moses**

**Part 2**

**Notice Hebrews 11:27**

There are many differences of opinion as to which event in the life of Moses this verse is referring to. Moses left Egypt 2 different times. He left Egypt when he was 40 years old and he left Egypt when he was 80 years old. I do not believe this refers to the first time Moses left which was when he was 40 years old. Let me show you the verses from Exodus which tells us of the first time Moses fled from Egypt.

**Exodus 2:11-15**

<sup>11</sup> *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 an Hebrew, one of his brethren.*

<sup>12</sup> *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.*

<sup>13</sup> *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?*

<sup>14</sup> *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.*

<sup>15</sup> *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.*

This is the first time in which Moses fled from Egypt and we see here in these verses that he fled because of FEAR. The verse which we are looking at in Hebrews 11 tells us that he forsook Egypt **NOT FEARING** the wrath of the king.

So for this reason I believe the writer of Hebrews has in mind the second time which Moses forsook Egypt and that was when he led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness.

**Notice Hebrews 11:27-29**

Now the reason some people resist this interpretation is because they point to the chronological order in these verses. I believe however that verse 27 is a DECLARATION of Moses' faith and in verses 28 and 29 the writer gives the details of how his faith was acted out.

So now let me point to one more thought before we get into verse 27. In the verses which we looked at last week we saw how FAITH rises above the wealth and the riches of this world and it holds on to the unseen riches of heaven even when suffering is involved.

Today as we step into the life of Moses again we shall see that FAITH **endures** over the years. The time frame for verses 27-29 are 40 years after verses 24-26. So in the life of Moses we see that True FAITH **endures** over the years no matter the circumstances. This was one of the points the writer of Hebrews desired his readers to grasp.

**Hebrews 3:6, 14**

<sup>6</sup> *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

<sup>14</sup> *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

One of the desires of the writer of Hebrews was to show his readers that TRUE faith endures and it is **impossible** to destroy. For someone to abandon their faith would make them a reprobate. Jesus described them in the Parable of the Sower.

### **Luke 18:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> *Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*

<sup>12</sup> *Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.*

<sup>13</sup> *They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.*

Moses was a man with TRUE FAITH and proof of that is seen in how his faith endured.

### **Notice Hebrews 11:27 again.**

I want to focus first of all upon how Moses "did not fear the wrath of the king". Now as we examine some of what Moses faced before the Pharaoh we can see that his faith was truly tested as he began to answer the call of God. Last week I had stated that the Pharaoh which Moses faced here could have been the very one he fled from 40 years earlier but that may not have been the case. Let me show you something which God used to encourage Moses.

### **Exodus 4:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> *And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.*

<sup>19</sup> *And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.*

This could refer to the men who were sent after Moses or it could refer to Pharaoh and his hit men. If Moses is going to face a different Pharaoh one thing is certain and that is this Pharaoh also was used by Satan in an attempt to exterminate the Israelites.

Now let us see how the faith of Moses was tested. He and Aaron are sent to stand before Pharaoh and declare that he is to let God's people go.

**Exodus 5:1**

*And afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.*

Let us keep in mind Moses has been a shepherd for the past 40 years. He has no military to back him up. He is standing before the leader of Egypt and he TELLS him the command of God. Now not only did Pharaoh refuse but he also turned up the heat on Israel.

**Exodus 5:4, 6-9**

<sup>4</sup> *And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get you unto your burdens.*

<sup>6</sup> *And Pharaoh commanded the same day the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying,*

<sup>7</sup> *Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves.*

<sup>8</sup> *And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God.*

<sup>9</sup> *Let there more work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let them not regard vain words.*

Pharaoh followed through with his words and when Moses and Aaron returned to the people they were waiting.

**Exodus 5:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> *And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh:*

<sup>21</sup> *And they said unto them, The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.*

Now if you are Moses you may start to question what God is doing. Moses did begin to question because he was human just like us. God then gave him a message for the people of Israel.

**Exodus 6:9**

<sup>9</sup> *And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.*

Now Moses' own people would not listen to him. So if we place ourselves in his shoes we can just imagine how he would be feeling at this time. God then sent Moses back to Pharaoh with another message.

#### **Exodus 7:16-18**

<sup>16</sup> *And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.*

<sup>17</sup> *Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.*

<sup>18</sup> *And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.*

To place this in the proper perspective, this would have been the same as you and me being Jews and being sent to Hitler with warnings from God. Let us keep in mind that Pharaoh could have called his guards and they could have carried Moses away. They could have beaten him or even killed him. Moses had no military power backing him up. But Moses was never intimidated.

Moses also refused to compromise. He was presented with several opportunities to compromise with Pharaoh after God began to bring the plagues.

#### **Exodus 8:25, 27-28**

<sup>25</sup> *And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.*

<sup>27</sup> *We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.*

<sup>28</sup> *And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.*

#### **Exodus 10:8-9, 11**

<sup>8</sup> *And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they that shall go?*

<sup>9</sup> And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> **Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD;** for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

#### Exodus 10:24-29

<sup>24</sup> And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; **only let your flocks and your herds be stayed:** let your little ones also go with you.

<sup>25</sup> And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

<sup>26</sup> Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

<sup>27</sup> But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

<sup>28</sup> And Pharaoh said unto him, **Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.**

<sup>29</sup> And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

#### Conclusion:

#### Notice Hebrews 11:27 again.

Moses refused every time to bow to Pharaoh's temptations to compromise. Moses did not fear the king's wrath but instead he trusted in God. Not let me leave you with something which God gave to Moses as an anchor.

#### Exodus 3:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

<sup>10</sup> Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, **that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.**

<sup>11</sup> And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

<sup>12</sup> And he said, **Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.**