# "FAITH WARS" THE FAITH OF MOSES

HEBREWS 11:23-29

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#### Introduction

Living the life of faith is supernatural, because the eye of faith sees what others cannot see.

#### We have already seen:

- Faith WORSHIPS Christ as the crucified and risen Lord. Abel brought a blood sacrifice: authentic worship that recognized he was a sinner need of God's grace and forgiveness.
- Faith WALKS with God. Enoch's walk with God empowered his faith.
- Faith WORKS for God. Noah, when warned, built an ark: this was the outworking of his faith.
- Faith WAITS on God. Abraham waited on God for the fulfillment of His promises.

"Spiritual Christians look upon the world not as a PLAYGROUND,
but a BATTLEGROUND." -- A.W. Tozer

If you are a Christian, you are involved in a spiritual battle.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Hebrews 11:23-29

Moses' life story is about a spiritual battle

#### 1. Moses Preservation

MOSES' PARENT'S FAITH

Moses became a man of faith because surrounded by people of faith

Israel's deliverance began w an obscure couple believing God in the darkness. We see the PROVIDENCE OF GOD in their lives.

#### 2. Moses Preparation

Moses grew up in the godless courts of Pharaoh.

"When God trains a man, he does always not keep him in isolation and seclusion. Rather, He allows the searching winds of temptation and tribulation to beat upon him in order to develop strength of character."--Oswald Saunders

"Moses spent 40 years thinking he was a somebody; 40 years learning he was a nobody; and then 40 years discovering what God can do with a nobody."

−D.L. Moody

# 3. Moses Priorities: four action words (verbs)

### A. Moses "Refused" (v24)

Moses refused to be known as "The Son of Pharaoh's daughter"

What REFUSALS do you need to make?

#### B. Moses "Chose" (v25)

"What we love and live in, we believe in. He that trusts and yields himself to the visible and the temporal, lives a fleshly life. He that looks to the unseen and the eternal, and joins himself to it, lives a divine, a heavenly life. Between these two, faith ever has to make its choice. The clearer and more deliberate, the more conscious the decision for the unseen, the more will the faith in God be strengthened and rewarded."

— Andrew Murray

How could Moses make such a choice?

"He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." --v26

Romans 8:18, 28-30

### C. Moses "Esteemed" (v26, KJV) NIV: Regarded

Greek: "to look away"

#### D. Moses "Persevered" (v27)

-- Moses kept the Passover (v28)

Romans 5:9, Ephesians 1:7

#### -- Moses crossed the Red Sea (v29)

1 Corinthians 10:12

Baptism pictures the new walk of faith in Christ.

# Faith Wars. Are you facing a spiritual battle? What does faith do?

#### 1. Faith conquers our fears (v23)

Hebrews 4:14-16

#### 2. Faith determines our options (v24-27)

Moses faith refused, chose, esteemed, and persevered!

Proverbs 3:5-6

### 3. Faith sharpens our vision (v27)

Moses knew WHAT he believed, WHERE he belonged, and WHY he was going. Faith takes us OUT, takes us THROUGH, and brings us IN.

Hebrews 2:1

### 4. Faith recognizes our dependence (v28)

Hebrews 13:20-21

## 5. Faith overcomes our difficulties (v29)

"Moses chose the imperishable, saw the invisible, and did the impossible."

-- Dr. Vance Havner

Hebrews 13:5(b), 6,8