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Moses: How Our Faith Can Grow Hebrews 11:23-31

Learn from the progression of faith in Moses:

• Faith founded on a family of faith in the Lord

Hebrews 11:23 - "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict."

• Faith commitment to serve Christ as an adult

Hebrews 11:24–26 - "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward."

John 5:46; Acts 26:22-23

• Faith in Christ that matures through times of testing

- He endured by keeping his eyes on Christ, not his enemy or circumstances
 Hebrews 11:27 "By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen."
- He obeyed God's commands

Hebrews 11:28 "By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them."

 \circ $\;$ He believed in God's power when obstacles appeared

Hebrews 11:29 "By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned."

Exodus 14 illustrates the testing of Moses' faith.

- With difficult people
 - Pharaoh opponents we expect to be difficult

Exodus 14:10 - "As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened..."

• Friends – believers that undermine you.

Exodus 14:11 - "Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt?"

- By impossible circumstances Exodus 14:21 Red Sea
- Over discouraged hearts Exodus 14:10-12 They were frightened and cried out

Faith will be rewarded with God's "promised land." Hebrews 11:30-31

DIGGING DEEPER

Hebrews 11:23-31

• Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. "Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 11:23-31

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, where has my faith been tested? What have been some hardships and trials that I have gone through? And, Lord, where were you in that? How did that help mature my faith?"
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what do you want me to know about my current relationship with faith? Where is it hard for me to have faith...where is it easier...what can I learn from Moses' faith?"
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time. **Song Recommendation:** "Into Faith I Go" by Pat Barrett

6 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

May you have a faith that is grounded in Christ as you look to Him and trust Him in all areas of your life. And may the peace of God guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7**

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting "Card" to 970-00

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There are groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Connect Online Midweek: Engage with life at Calvary each day of the week through livestream and on-demand content, plus social media posts by following us on Facebook and Instagram **@calvarylife**

Family Activities: Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at **calvarylife.org/town**

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at **calvarylife.org/help**

Ways to Give: Your generosity and faithfulness is making a difference locally and globally! You can give today using the Offering Boxes available by the doors in the Worship Center and Chapel, or give online at **calvarylife.org/give**

SONG LYRICS

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven, And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness, Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written, Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy, What heart could fathom such boundless grace The God of ages stepped down from glory, To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free, Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name, Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion, Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT) Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Jesus Christ my living hope, Oh God You are my living hope

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King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart, Be the mountain where I run, The fountain I drink from, Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart, Be the shadow where I hide, The ransom for my life, Oh He is my song

Chorus: You are good good oh, You are good good oh, You are good good oh, You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart, Be the wind inside my sails, The anchor in the waves, Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart, Be the fire inside my veins, The echo of my days, Oh He is my song

Bridge: You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down, You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down, You're never gonna let, Never gonna let me down

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Surrounded (Fight My Battles)

There's a table that You've prepared for me, In the presence of my enemies It's Your body and Your blood You shed for me, This is how I fight my battles

And I believe You've overcome, And I will lift my song of praise, For all You've done

Chorus: This is how I fight my battles (3X), (This is how)

In the valley I know that You're with me, And surely Your goodness and Your mercy follow me So my weapons are praise and thanksgiving, This is how I fight my battles

Bridge: It may look like I'm surrounded, But I'm surrounded by You It may look like I'm surrounded, But I'm surrounded by You

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free, My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine But God who called me here below, Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine, You are forever mine

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