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“By faith the people crossed the sea” - Hebrews 11:29

Scripture: Read Hebrews 11:24-28

- Moses is mentioned more than any other Hero of Faith (10 times in Hebrews).
Read more of his standing before God: Acts 7:17-36, Deuteronomy 34:5-12

- “He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth” (Hebrews 11:26). A reference to his suffering as being for a greater cause than wealth or comfort, similar to Christ’s endurance on the cross. Read: Psalm 16:11, Acts 26:22-23

- Moses left Egypt unafraid - unlike the first time he left (Exodus 2:14-15) - because he “endured as seeing him who is invisible” (Hebrews 11:27); as if God were standing right beside him. Consider 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 in this context.

Equipping

- Passover has rich theological implications for followers of Christ? As Paul would write, “For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7), believers apply the blood of Jesus to their lives as assurance to salvation from wrath and death. In it, liberation and freedom are found. What details do you know of the Passover text? (Ex. 12:21-27). Thoughts on Passover as having pointed to Christ?

- One of the consistent traits found with our Heroes of Faith, is that of making obedient choices, regardless the difficulty. Not only does genuine faith encourage us to trust and follow God, but genuine faith often moves us toward paths that are far less narrow, less obvious, less traveled, than the easier more comfortable choice. Can you relate? Ever choose comfort over faith?

- One of the words that often describes the life and witness of Moses, is ‘endurance.’ Moses undoubtedly was a marathon runner and not a sprinter! His faith strengthened him to endure hardships, his faith allowed him to endure with the eternal in mind, and his faith fueled his endurance through the assurance of God’s provision and protection, even as those around him fretted. How might endurance aid your current faith journey? Does Moses speak to you?

*A*pplication

- Reflecting on the faith of Moses, particularly with the examples provided in Hebrews 11:24-28, is there anything you want to address in your own faith life? Are there opportunities to think long-term, even if the short-term is unpleasant? How could you go about experiencing this growth today?

Lord, may we walk in this world with the endurance of a Moses-like faith. May our choices align with your desires, and may we rather suffer affliction with your people, than enjoy the pleasures of sin. May we worship you as the true Passover sacrifice and rejoice in your promised salvation for those who call you Lord. Amen.