

Facing OPPOSITION by FAITH ~ Hebrews 11:23-26

➔ Scripture Reading Heb. 11:6, 23-25

INTRODUCTION

Exodus 1:8-12 (NIV) Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹...the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. ¹⁰...we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country. ¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor... ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread...

Exodus 1:17 (NIV) The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

Exodus 1:22 (NIV) Then Pharaoh gave this order to ALL his people: Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.

Disobeying by FAITH ~ Hebrews 11:23

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Moses was not hidden because he was a cute baby. Moses's beauty alludes to his particular Destiny. He was a beautiful child because he was set apart for a specific task by God. CCE

By FAITH Moses' Parents...

- DISOBEYED the Kings Law
- saw something UNIQUE in Moses
- were NOT AFRAID of King's Law

Moses was not only rescued from the river by Pharaoh's own daughter, but he also grew up under the protection of the very King who had threatened his very existence. NBC (Ex. 2:2-10)

IMPLICATIONS

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV) Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. ⁶ So we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

CONTEXT

Acts 7:22-25 (NIV) Moses was educated in ALL the wisdom of the Egyptians and was Powerful in SPEECH and ACTION. ²³ When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.

Difficult CHOICES ~ Hebrews 11:24-26

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Instead of occupying a line or two of hieroglyphics on some obscure tomb, Moses is memorialized in God's Eternal Book. Instead of being found in a museum as an Egyptian mummy, he is famous as a man of God. MacDonald

²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

Loyalty to God and love for His people were valued by him more than the combined wealth of Pharaoh. He knew that these were the things that would count one minute after he died. MacDonald

²⁶ 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

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By FAITH Moses REJECTED...

- POWER and Prestige
- Pursuing **SENSUAL** Pleasures
- **IMMENSE** Wealth

Acts 7:25 (NIV) Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to **RESCUE** them, but they did not.

Because Moses had Faith in God's Promises He had already **REJECTED** Egypt

TAKE AWAY ??

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Acts 5:29 (NIV) ...We must **OBEY** God rather than men!

Acts 5:41-42 (NIV) The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **REJOICING** because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, **THEY NEVER STOPPED TEACHING** and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.