

“BY FAITH MOSES”: THE MAKING OF A SHEPHERD (HEBREWS 11:23-29)

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Introduction:

I. Faith in the Family (v. 23)

Today, the family that stays together probably has only one car.

Exod 4:19-26 Take heed to your family – Moses was a minister of the covenant to Abraham but failed to circumcise his own sons!

To train children at home, it is necessary for both the children and the parents to spend some time there.

II. Faith in His Choices/Associations (vv. 24-26)

God’s people rather than power and popularity (vv. 24-25)

God’s Christ rather than riches (v. 26)

Exod 13:19 Be considerate of the history of the faith – like Moses with the bones of Joseph.

III. Faith in His Perseverance (v. 27)

Fearless—imitated parents (cp. v. 23)

The greatness of our fears shows us the littleness of our faith.

Endured the visible for the invisible

William Carey said of his biographer, “If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond that will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything.”

IV. Faith in the Word (v. 28) - Obedience

V. Faith along His Path (v. 29)

Exod 15:1; Deut 31:22 Serve the Lord with a song.

Exod 18:13-26 Listen to counsel, train leaders, delegate work and authority

Num 12:3 Be humble and meek – even in the face of fierce opposition.

Robert Morrison, missionary to China, wrote: "The great fault, I think, in our mission is that no one likes to be second." J. Oswald Sanders wrote, "The world has yet to see what could happen if everyone lost the desire to get the glory. Wouldn't it be a marvelous place if nobody cared who got the credit?" (Spiritual Leadership)

Exod 24:13; Num 27:18-23 Disciple a young man to assist you and to follow you.

Exod 32:11-13 Pray for those who oppose the Lord and you – they are His people and you are their shepherd.

Num 20:1-12 Remember, one word or act in anger or haste or disobedience can undo and end your entire ministry. Even if a relative has died and people turn against you.

Deut 1:5 Expound [בְּאֵר]; only here, 27:8; Hab 2:2] the Word of God to the people.