

INTRODUCTION

- Five Examples of Faith from the Life of Moses

EXPOSITION

Example #1 (v.23) - Not Fearing the King

- He seems to have had some extraordinary beauty Ex2:2 Act7:20 (same word) to God
- Their faith moved them first to hide him, not fearing the command (Ex1:22)
- Faith caused them not to fear, and to act in a way that would be the salvation of the nation
- Remarkable faith in the sovereignty of God who would at that moment bring Pharaoh's daughter
- The faith was so strong that it would put him into the very bosom of the king's household (Pharaoh)
- We need this kind of faith as parents, no matter what kind of social and political situation we may find ourselves in
- They “hand him over” to system of influence which will save his life, but put him into a context of raw paganism
- Would he forget his roots? Would he forget the God of Israel? God will work all for good because of their faith
- **APPLICATION:** I am thankful for school options, but if the time came when we lost this, will we have faith that God overrules all?

Example #2 (vv.24-26) – Identifying Himself with the People of God

- Act7:22 he received the fullest education, that which an Israelite would never have had access to
- His coming of age likely refers to the period of the events surrounding his going out to his brethren
- He makes a choice to identify himself with them; as he goes out he sees one unjustly being abused and beaten
- He sees injustice, and at the threat of his own life delivers one of them from it by killing the Egyptian abuser
- While he will go into exile for fear of his life, he has made a choice; he will shun all that Egypt offers for the sake of doing what is right
- All the pleasures of sin available to him in living a cozy and undisturbed life of disinterest in the suffering people he refuses, and chooses to suffer with the people
- This is said to be the reproach of Christ – either reproach in the hope of coming Messiah or that which is part of the suffering of Christ (Col1:24) - this he chooses over the treasures of Egypt
- His faith is seen in that that in the end greater reward will come from God than what Egypt has to offer (things future)
- **APPLICATION:** What are we willing to suffer for the sake of justice, helping the persecuted and suffering people of God?
- Are we willing, if necessary, to forsake comforts and ease in order to identify with Christ, looking forward to a greater reward than what the world has to offer?
- We will be able to do this only if we have faith, and treasure Christ above all, believing that the reward in the end is of greater worth

Example #3 (v.27) – Forsaking Egypt

- I don't think this refers to his exile, as it appears to have been motivated by faith
- Rather, he forsakes identifying himself as an Egyptian when he reappears in Pharaoh's court at his return from exile
- He forsakes Egypt without fear as he departs with Israel at their deliverance
- What enables him to have faith is perseverance in seeing the Invisible One (things not seen)
- **APPLICATION:** This is also vital for us in not fearing the faces of people; it is only as we look upon the face of the Invisible One in faith
- For this we must seek, by the Word and Spirit, to cultivate an ongoing awareness of the presence of God
- This is what will give us confidence in the face of those we work with, our neighbors, our family, what we may face for the cause of justice and doing what is right

Example #4 (v.28) – Keeping the Passover

- The keeping of the Passover, at God's command, with the sprinkling of the blood of the lamb was an act of faith
- Not only did he keep the Passover, but he was used to institute it
- **APPLICATION:** It is by faith we look to Jesus, the true Lamb of God; there is another destroyer coming who will bring judgment
- In remembering Christ in the Lord's Supper, we are to be expressing faith in God's salvation from destruction

Example #5 (v.29) – Passing through the Red Sea

- When he left Egypt, he leaves with a people who will not have the skill or implements to defend themselves
- It appeared that they could not win; likely the greatest political and war power was against them
- **APPLICATION:** This is an example of faith for us, to fight what appears to be impossible odds against impossible enemies - This for the glory of Christ

APPLICATION

- Moses is raised up as an example of faith for us to learn from and to imitate – this is an example of a life of faith
 - o The reality of Moses' fallen-ness - his anger, his weakness, his lack of faith
- Moses is ultimately a shadow of the Lord Jesus Christ – all these things fulfilled in Him
 - o From His life and death come our motivations and desires to follow Him