

COURAGEOUS PARENTING

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Text: Hebrews 11:23-29 *Moses choices in life*

"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned." (Hebrews 11:23-29)

INTRODUCTION

- *parenting: influencing next generation*
- *Israelites in Egypt for 4 generations*

"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:" (Exodus 1:8-9)

"But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour:" (Exodus 1:12-13)

1. A CHOICE TO Protect (v. 23)

A. Faith surrenders to God - *the midwives*

FAITH DEFIED THE KING'S ORDERS

"And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live." (Exodus 1:16)

FAITH DEPENDED UPON GOD - *God blessed midwife*

"Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses." (Exodus 1:20-21)

Pharaoh made death sentence to all live male born children

Moses laid in floating basket of bulrushes

Quote: "Abortion is when a baby gets the death penalty for someone else's actions."

B. Faith trusts God - parents of Moses

THEY ACTED IN FAITH - see Acts 7:20

Quote: "Moses' parents had faith to hide Moses since God had told them (in some way) that he was a special child." - Warren Wiersbe

THEY WERE NOT AFRAID

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Timothy 1:7)

2. A CHOICE TO Prepare (Exodus 2:2-10)

A. Preparation by the Parents

"And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him." (Exodus 2:2-4)

A PLACE OF NURTURING - Moses nursed by his mother until weaned

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

A PREPARATION FOR PROTECTION

B. The intervention of God's Grace - highest human protection

"And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. 6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water." (Exodus 2:5-10)

THE DISCOVERY OF MOSES

THE SUGGESTION OF MIRIAM

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

- Moses educated in all wisdom of Egyptian royal family (Acts 7:22)

Acts 7:23 Moses was 40 years old when he visited his relatives the slaves

3. A CHOICE TO Profess (v. 24-28)

Quote: "Ultimately Moses' choices were a reflection of his parent's choices..."

A. A Willingness to suffer

HE CHOSE TO IDENTIFY WITH GOD

"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. 7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another." (Psalm 75:6-7)

HE CHOSE TO SUFFER FOR GOD

Quote: "As the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses had every reason to believe that even the throne of Egypt was not beyond his grasp."

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:12-13)

B. A Willingness to serve

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." (Romans 3:23-25)

CONCLUSION through faith & by faith
Moses & Aaron led Hebrew nation out of slavery
a) First by celebrating Passover
b) passing through the Red Sea

TAKE AWAYS

1. Parents Must Choose to Protect

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

2. Parents Must Choose to Prepare

3. Children Must Choose to Forsake the Temptation of the World

"By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." (Hebrews 11:27)

4. We All Need a Passover - spiritual conversion

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;" (Ephesians 1:7)

