

Hebrews 11:23-29; "Choosing a Life of Faith" May 11, 2025

- I. Welcome & Review
 - A. Good morning and Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in attendance. I pray your day is blessed by the Lord and the love of your family.
 1. I know that Mother's Day can be a day filled with a lot of mixed feelings and emotions for some. Whatever this day brings, my hope is that you allow the Lord to minister to you as you've gathered in this place.
 2. *Welcome any new faces and those streaming online.* Deterrence
 - B. This morning we have the privilege of praying for our brother in the Lord, Trevor Sewell. You may recall that we prayed for Tiffany and the kids about a month ago. Today will be Trevor's last Sunday with us as he plans to depart Iwakuni and be reunited with his family stateside.
 1. If I can have Trevor stand where he is and have some of the church leadership come lay hands on him in prayer that would be great.
 2. Trevor has served faithfully in our worship ministry as our percussionist and he will be missed. We trust God has great things awaiting him and the family as they begin a new chapter back in the States. Let's pray.
 - C. As people make their way back, let's go ahead and dismiss our elementary aged children to their Sunday School classrooms as well.
 1. *(2nd Service; Remember to dismiss the Bible English class.)*
 - D. I hope you guys were able to get in some time with the Lord last Sunday.
 1. You know, it is a blessing to be this close to the base so that people can just walk out here or ride their bikes, but one day out of the year it isn't so great. Because of the base's Friendship Day and the road closures leading into the base it makes getting here to church near impossible.
 2. I know some of you gathered together for worship within your community, and others were able to stream the service from our sister church down in Okinawa. Pastor Rick gave a great message from Revelation chapter 2 down at Calvary Chapel Okinawa. If you missed it, you can still access it on their website, it was a good message.
 - E. Today, we are back in our study of the book of Hebrew as we continue to make our way through the Hall of Faith that is Hebrews chapter 11.
 1. We've looked at the faith of such people as Abel, Enoch, Noah, Sarah, Abraham and the rest of the patriarchs in Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.
 2. Today, we come to one of the most well known of all the children of Israel, a prophet and a leader of God's chosen people. A man who was used by God to do the miraculous, a man who led His people out of bondage and right up to the Promised Land.
 3. A man known for his meekness and his heart for God and God's people. A man who was a historian and author, recording for us the first five books of the Bible. Today we look at Moses and His life of faith.

4. Moses had a very intriguing and miraculous life and today, my hope is that we will be able to glean some things from his life of faith and look to apply them to our own lives of faith.

- F. Our text this morning is going to be Hebrews chapter 11 verses 23-29. And the title of our study is going to be "**Choosing a Life of Faith**".
 1. Hopefully you have your Bible with you this morning. If not, I encourage you to reach down and borrow one of the Bibles underneath some of the chairs around you, we do think it important to follow along in the Word and to read it for yourself throughout our time of study.
 2. Once you are there in Hebrews chapter 11, if you are able, I'd like to invite you to rise to your feet in honor of the Lord and His Word.
 3. I'm going to read from my Bible, I'll be reading from the NKJV of the Bible, if you are reading from a different translation, simply do your best to follow along. The author of Hebrews continues escorting us through this "Hall of Faith" by taking a look at the life of Moses beginning in verse 23. The author writes... (R & P)

II. Intro

- A. Life is filled with all sorts of choices that we make. Some are easy choices; when my wife asks if she should make chocolate chip cookies, the answer is always "Yes". Some choices aren't so easy. When my wife asks if I want cinnamon rolls or carrot cake I want to simply say "yes", but that doesn't work.
- B. As we look at the life of faith that Moses lived, we're going to note a number of choices that he made; choices that helped mold and shape him, choices that helped him become one of the greatest men of faith recorded for us within the pages of Scripture.
- C. And hopefully as we look at his life, we can be challenged and encouraged to make the same sort of choices Moses did when we are presented with similar situations in life; that we too might live an exemplary life of faith.
- D. Moses's story begins not with him, but actually his parents. Take a look at our opening verse once again as we look to glean from the parents of Moses and what they can teach us about choosing to live a life of faith.

III. Hebrews 11:23; By faith Moses' parents chose to

- A. The Biblical narrative of the life of Moses is seen in the beginning pages of the book of Exodus.
 1. In our last study we looked at the life of Joseph and how he had led the children of Israel to Egypt in order to survive a great famine that had hit throughout the region.
 2. While in Egypt the children of Israel thrived under Joseph and his leadership. But Joseph, before he passed reminded the people that Egypt was not their home, and requested that they take his bones back to the Promised Land after their departure from Egypt.

3. Well, in Exodus 1 we read that that a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph, nor the great contributions he had made to the kingdom of Egypt. (**Ex. 1:8**)
 4. And this new king was fearful of the children of Israel because they had grown too numerous for his liking and feared they may revolt or join with Egypt's enemy should they ever be attacked.
 5. And so, he dealt shrewdly with the children of Israel and afflicted them with many burdens, setting taskmasters over them and enslaving them within the kingdom of Egypt forcing them to work with rigor.
 6. But the more they afflicted the children of Israel, the more they multiplied. And so, the king ultimately decided to initiate a law that required all newborn Jewish males to be thrown into the river to drown, while the daughters were permitted to stay alive. (**Ex. 1:22**)
- B. And it is based upon this situation that the author of Hebrews brings up the faith of Moses' parents; a husband and wife named Amram and Jochebed.
1. Jochebed gave birth to Moses, but instead of following the law handed down from Pharaoh and throwing her son into the river; she saved him from that horrible fate and hid him for three months.
 - a. The Scriptures say that Moses' parents did so because they saw that he was a beautiful child.
 - b. Which kind of makes me wonder; "*doesn't every parent think their child is beautiful.*" It doesn't matter if they come out looking all disheveled and bloody with a pointy head, folded over ears, with big, huge alien eyes, and jaundiced skin; it doesn't matter. I think every parent thinks their kids are beautiful. And rightfully so.
 - c. Children are a gift and a heritage from the Lord. They are fearfully and wonderfully made within the womb and when they come forth from the womb, God does this amazing thing in the hearts of parents, adding a love that is without measure for the children God has blessed them with. And they are smitten. It's love at first sight.
 2. This is what happened when Moses was born to Amram and Jochebed. They took one look at their beautiful baby boy and said "*No way; we're not throwing him in the river. We don't care what Pharaoh says, we're not going to do it.*"
 - a. In our life of faith, there may come times where we will have to disobey unjust laws that have been put in place by ungodly leaders.
 - b. The Scriptures say that we are to be subject to the ruling authorities over us. Romans 13 says this, Titus 3, and 1 Peter 2.
 - c. But the Scriptures also demonstrate that we are to obey God rather than man. In the book of Acts we read of Peter and the apostles and their actions there at the temple in Jerusalem.
 - d. They had been arrested the day previously and thrown into prison for teaching the people about Jesus in the temple.
 - e. However, God miraculously set them free from prison and the Angel of the Lord told them to "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." (**Acts 5:20**)
 - f. When the religious authorities once again saw them teaching in the temple, they seized them and then questioned them saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name?" (**Acts 5:28a**)
 - g. To which Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men." (**Acts 5:29**)
3. Amram and Jochebed knew that this child God had given to them was a precious gift from God, a precious life that needed nurturing and caring, not to be thrown aside into the river to drown.
4. And so, by faith, they hid Moses from the authorities for three months, disregarding Pharaoh's law in order to honor and glorify the Lord and His gift to them.
- C. Though not specifically mentioned here, this was not the only act of faith by Moses' parents. For after the three months were up and they could no longer hide their son from the authorities, they were forced to do one of the hardest things imaginable for a parent.
1. The Scriptures tell us that they made a small ark of bulrushes and daubed it with asphalt and pitch and put their beautiful child inside it and placed him in the reeds by the river's bank. (**Ex. 2:3**)
 2. There came a time in their life where they needed to let go of their son and completely entrust him into the Lord's hands.
 3. This is one of the most challenging things a parent may be forced to do. To let go of their child and release him or her into the care of God Almighty and trust that God has a plan for their lives and that God will see to it that His will is done.
 4. Of course, Amram and Jochebed had to do this at an age far sooner than what most of us ever are faced with having to do. But sooner or later, most parents will have to do similarly. You'll have to let go of your child, let them loose in a dangerous world, a world filled with crocodiles and all sorts of other dangers, and trust that God will work, that God will direct them and lead them to the place they need to be.
- D. By faith, **Moses' parents chose** to disregard the law of Pharaoh and entrusted their child into the hands of the Lord.
1. As parents we have a responsibility to protect our children, to teach them, to mold and shape them. But eventually we will have to let them go and entrust them into the hands of the Lord.
 2. May we be inspired and encouraged by the faith of Amram and Jochebed. May we be parents like them who not only protect our children, but learn to release them into the hands of the Lord when the time comes.
- E. Let's move on and see what else we can glean from the life of Moses. Read verses

IV. Hebrews 11:24;

- A. If you aren't familiar with the account of Moses and what happened after his parents placed him in that ark on the riverside, let me explain.
1. As Amram and Jochebed let go, Moses' big sister Miriam, kept her eye upon the ark as it floated along in the river.
 2. And as providence would have it, the daughter of Pharaoh, a daughter that history tells us was without child, came down to the riverside to bathe and when she did she spotted the ark floating in the river.
 3. She told her maidens to go get the ark and when they did they brought it to her and she opened it up and there was baby Moses. And the scriptures tell us that she had compassion on him and identified him as one of the Hebrew's children. **(Ex. 2:6)**
 4. Miriam, seeing all of this unfold before her eyes, runs over to Pharaoh's daughter and says "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?" **(Ex. 2:7)**
 5. Pharaoh's daughter agreed and Miriam was able to bring back her baby brother to her mother's arms. Jochebed was able to freely nurse and care for her son and even be supported for her service to Pharaoh's daughter. A true miracle.
 6. Eventually the child was weaned and given back to Pharaoh's daughter and Moses grew up in the palace, living as part of the extended family of Pharaoh. He was given the best opportunities to be educated and provided for. As the son of Pharaoh's daughter, and grandson of Pharaoh, he would be given any and every opportunity to succeed.
- B. But here in verse 24 we read that when Moses became of age, he did something that nobody would have ever seen coming. He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
1. In Acts chapter 7, when Stephen was addressing the council who were part of the Sanhedrin, he gives a history lesson about the Hebrew people and there he tells us that Moses was 40 years old when he decided to refuse this title and associate with his brethren. **(Acts 7:23)**
 2. At 40 years of age, Moses could have had anything his heart desired.
 3. But instead of seeking after a life of power, prominence, prestige and prosperity, as a son of Pharaoh's daughter, Moses chose to give it all up, refusing to be identified with Pharaoh and his family, he instead identified as part of God's chosen people, as a child of God.
 4. This was quite a step of faith. To renounce all that he had going for him, to give up on it all, in order to identify with the Lord and His people.
 5. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, our identity in Christ is extremely valuable. Often times people fail to understand the importance of our identity in Christ. People can easily make the mistake of thinking their jobs or their careers, their assignments if you will, are their identity.
 6. People mistakenly have their identity tied up in their assignments. Our identity in Christ doesn't change, but our assignments and our jobs do.

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7. We are children of God first and foremost and this will never change.
 8. Today, you may identify as a marine, or a sailor, or a mom, or wife, or a student. But all of those things change.
 - a. What happens when you retire or are no longer on activity duty? What happens when the kids all leave the house? What happens, God forbid, when your spouse dies of cancer or perhaps some freak accident. It happens. I just got a text message this week about a family who lost their husband and daddy. The wife is left with three kids to take care of on her own now.
 - b. If you've wrapped up your identity in what you do, rather than who you are, you're going to find yourself lost and confused one day when what you do changes. You won't know what to do with your life, you'll be lost and confused, and you'll wonder what your life is all about. Because you've always found your identity and worth in what you do, when that changes, you're at a loss.
 9. Today, I want to encourage you all to know and understand your identity in Christ. You are a child of God and that will never change.
 - a. You are loved by the Lord and He has a plan and a purpose for your life even when seasons come and go, when life changes, His plans and purposes for you continue on and will continue to go on until the day He calls you home to be with Him.
- C. By faith, **Moses chose to refuse** being called the son of Pharaoh's daughter that he might properly identify with God and His people.
1. May we too learn to properly identify as a child of God and not let ourselves confuse what we do with who we are. You are more than a marine, or a sailor, or a mom, or a dad, or a student, or a teacher, or a contractor; you are a child of God, chosen by Him, and loved by Him.

D. Let's continue, take a look at verse 25.

V. Hebrews 11:25;

- A. By faith, **Moses chose to suffer** affliction with the people of God, rather than the passing pleasures of sin.
1. Part of his decision to refuse the title of son of the daughter of Pharaoh and to identify with the Hebrews also included a choice to suffer the same affliction the rest of the children of Israel suffered.
 2. He didn't just choose to leave behind a life of abundance and prosperity to live a somewhat normal life. No, his choice to refuse to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter meant he went from being someone who was untouchable, to someone who would face affliction.
 3. He was welcoming the same mistreatment and affliction the rest of the Hebrews were experiencing.
 4. But Moses understood something very important regarding the pleasures he had as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He knew they were only temporary; he knew they weren't long lasting, he understood that they were passing away.

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- B. The enemy of our souls has done a good job of painting sin into appearing somewhat attractive, it looks glamorous and enticing.
1. But the truth of the matter is that sin only brings destruction and death. Romans 6:23 states that the wages of sin is death. (**Rom. 6:23a**)
 2. Moses had a choice to make. Would he continue to seek after and live for the passing pleasures of sin, or would he choose to forsake those things and live for God.
 3. And just as Moses had a choice to make, we too have a choice to make. Nobody forces us to sin. Nobody makes us sin. We have a choice in the manner.
 - a. In 1 Kings we read of the prophet Elijah and his incredible encounter with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Ashera on the top of Mt. Carmel. Elijah was gathered along with all the prophets and all the children of Israel there upon the top of Mt. Carmel.
 - i. And Elijah said to the people, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." (**1 Kings 18:21a**)
 - b. In the book of Joshua, Joshua too is seen gathering the children of Israel together and proclaiming to them the need for them to choose.
 - i. As they set to cross the river and to enter into the Promised Land he exhorted them, "choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (**Joshua 24:15b**)
 - c. Even Moses called the children of Israel together and called them to make the same decision.
 - i. He said to them, "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;" (**Dt. 30:19**)
 4. We all must make the same choice. We must choose to follow the Lord, choose to turn from sin, to choose life over death.
- C. But here is the thing I must warn you about. If you choose to turn from this world and the passing pleasures of sin, and instead choose to follow the Lord and to live a godly life, you will experience persecution.
1. Just like Moses who chose to suffer rather than experience the passing pleasures of sin, so too our choice to live for the Lord will bring affliction.
 2. 2 Timothy 3:12 states, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." You don't even have to do well at living godly, you just have to desire to live godly and the Scriptures promise you will suffer. (**2 Tim. 3:12**)

3. The enemy will come against you. And you will experience persecution and trials and tribulations. The enemy wants to get you to give up, to throw in the towel, to make living for the Lord seem like it isn't worth it.
4. But I'm here to tell you that it is worth it. For what the enemy doesn't want us to consider is that life here on earth is short, it's temporary. We're here today and gone tomorrow. Life is but a vapor. (**Ja. 4:14b**)
5. You can choose to suffer a little now in this life and then enjoy an eternity of unmatched joy and satisfaction in heaven with the Lord, or you can choose the passing pleasures of sin now and then suffer an eternity of pain, suffering and unending torment in hell apart from God.
6. We have a choice. And I hope you all will choose wisely. I hope you will, as Moses described, choose life; choose blessing; choose with eternity in mind.

D. And that leads us to our next verse. Take a look at verse 26.

VI. Hebrews 11:26;

- A. By choosing to identify with God's people, Moses was identifying with people who placed their faith in God and all who would one day place their faith in Christ.
1. Verse 26 says that his choice to refuse the title of son of Pharaoh's daughter was him esteeming the reproach of Christ, greater riches than all the treasures in Egypt.
 2. That word "esteeming" is an accounting term. He counted it all, measured it out and found that reproach of Christ was of greater value than all the treasures Egypt had to offer.
 3. Egypt in the Bible is often a picture of the world. Moses looked at his options, tallied it all up and came to the conclusion that the reproach of Christ he would experience, the persecution he would encounter as a person desiring to live a godly life, far outweighed all that the world had to offer him.
- B. Paul made a similar calculation in his own life. He writes about it in Philippians chapter 3.
1. Paul had it all. He was a Hebrew of Hebrews, a pharisee among pharisees. He was one of the up-and-coming religious leaders. Someone well trained, filled with zeal, and was considered blameless concerning righteousness and the Law.
 2. He used to go around persecuting the church, going house to house dragging out Christians and throwing them in jail, or worse yet, even having some of them killed for their faith. And then God met him one day on the road to Damascus and his life was radically changed for the Lord. Everything he once held dear, he gave it all up in pursuit of God.
 3. He writes, "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and

be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:7-14)

4. Paul had it all, and he gave it all up in pursuit of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. He counted up all he had attained before coming to Christ and he counted it all as rubbish, as filthy no-good garbage. He chose to lose it all, that he might gain Christ. And it was the best decision of his life.
5. He left the past behind him, and moved forward, pressing towards the finish line, pressing towards his upward call to heaven.
6. Both Paul and Moses looked to the eternal reward that awaited them in heaven. And as they weighed out the value of eternity with God, nothing here on earth could even compare.
7. By faith, **Moses esteemed the reproach** of Christ greater than all the treasures in Egypt as he looked to the eternal reward.

C. Let's continue and see what other choices Moses made that we can learn from. Read with me verse 27.

VII. Hebrews 11:27;

- A. That faith his parents had in not fearing Pharaoh seems to have run in the family. For just as his parents did not fear the king, neither did Moses.
- B. By faith, Moses forsook Egypt, he departed. Again, Egypt is a picture and a type of the world; by faith Moses forsook the world.
 1. The word “forsook” means to depart or leave from something, or to abandon something. By faith Moses abandoned Egypt. He left it all behind and headed out to the desert of Midian.
 2. God calls us to do the same; to forsake this world in pursuit of Him.
 3. When Jesus walked this earth He called His disciples to forsake this world and to follow after Him.
 - a. Peter and Andrew left their fishing nets behind when Jesus called them. James and John left their fishing boats behind when He called them. Matthew the tax collector, it says of him in Luke 5 that after Jesus called him to follow Him that “he left all, rose up, and followed Him.” (Lk. 5:28)
 - b. Jesus taught His followers about the cost of discipleship and plainly said, “whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” (Lk. 14:33)

- c. Christ calls us to forsake this world, to leave this world and the things of this world that can so easily ensnare us, all behind; and to follow after Him. This is what Moses did as he forsook Egypt by faith.

- C. And how did he do so? It says at the end of verse 27 that he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. Who is the invisible one? It's the Lord.
 1. God is Spirit, He doesn't have a physical form that we can behold. No man has ever seen God in the fullness of His majesty. 1 Timothy describes God as “dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has ever seen or can see”. (1 Tim. 6:16b)
 2. However, Paul tells us in Colossians that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” (Col. 1:15)
 3. Moses kept his eyes upon the Lord. He was focused in upon Him as he forsook Egypt. He didn't fear Pharaoh, because his eyes were locked in upon the Lord.
- D. In the next chapter of Hebrews we will read of how the author exhorts us all to do the same. How we are to fix our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb. 12:2a)
 1. When we keep our eyes upon the Lord, the cares and worries of this world all just seem to vanish away.
 2. Peter knows this to be true. He got his eyes upon the Lord while out in a boat upon the Sea of Galilee in the midst of a stormy sea.
 - a. Jesus had sent His disciples on ahead of Him as He remained behind to pray some more. And as the disciples made their way across the sea, all of a sudden this great storm arose.
 - b. And Jesus came to His disciples in the darkest of night and the disciples at first were fearful thinking that Jesus was a ghost.
 - c. But Jesus immediately spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” And Peter, with his eyes fixed upon the Lord, called out to Jesus and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” (Mt. 14:27-28)
 - d. And Jesus did so. And Peter stepped out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus on top of the water. Amazing!
 - e. But, when he started looking around at the wind and the waves, and he got his eyes off of Jesus, Peter began to sink into the sea and quickly he cried out, “Lord, save me!”, and the Lord did just that.
 3. This is the lesson we learn from Peter and him walking on water.
 - a. When we get our eyes off of Jesus, and we start looking at the circumstances surrounding us, we start looking at the opposition and the obstacles around us, we start to falter, we start to slip up, we start to spiral down into disbelief and depression and disillusionment.
 - b. But, as we keep our eyes upon the Lord, all the circumstances, all the oppositions, all the obstacles seem to fade out of sight, and all we are left with is the Lord. And as we keep our eyes upon Him, we

can take steps of faith trusting that He is leading and guiding us towards Himself.

E. By faith, **Moses forsook Egypt** all the while keeping his eyes focused upon the Lord. And we can do the same. As God calls us to forsake this world, by faith we can do so, as we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

F. We've got just two more verses to look at with two more choices to glean from. Take a look at verse 28.

VIII. Hebrews 11:28;

A. After departing Egypt, Moses spent the next 40 years of his life living in the desert of Midian learning how to be a shepherd.

1. And then one day the Lord revealed Himself to Moses through a burning bush that had grabbed the attention of Moses.

2. He directed Moses to go back to Egypt and told him that he was going to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

3. Moses went and boldly approached Pharaoh demanding that he let God's people go, so that they could go out and worship the Lord.

4. When Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not acquiesce to the Lord's request, the Lord responded by sending a series of plagues upon the land.

a. Over and over, Moses would go and request of Pharaoh that he let the people go to worship the Lord. And Pharaoh would deny the request sometimes, other times he would approve it, but only with certain self-imposed restrictions upon it, but ultimately he would go back on his word and would not let the people go.

b. Then came the 10th and what would be the final plague.

5. The account of the 10th and final plague is found in Exodus 11 & 12.

a. The Lord came to Moses and informed him that the tenth and final plague would be a plague that would effect the firstborn of every household, from that of Pharaoh on down to the beasts of the field. Every firstborn would die in one night.

b. Now, in order to be spared from God's final plague, the Lord instructed Moses to tell the people to take a lamb and kill it on the 14th day of the month at twilight. They would end up eating the lamb that night roasted over fire.

c. But before they did that, they were to take some of the blood from the lamb and take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood. (**Ex. 12:22a**)

d. Moses informed the people saying "For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you." (**Ex. 12:23**)

e. Thus initiating the first ever Passover and saving all the households who by faith applied the blood to their doorposts and lintels of their entryways into their homes.

6. This act of taking the blood of the lamb and applying it to the doorposts and crossbeam of their entryway, was a foreshadowing of the work of the cross. Where Jesus, as our Passover lamb, would shed His own blood in order to spare us from God's judgment and the penalty of our sins, which we already noted is death.

7. By faith, **Moses and the Israelites chose to keep the Passover** and the sprinkling of blood in order to protect their households from the righteous judgment of God.

a. And we too can do the same. When we place our faith in the completed work of Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary. When we apply the blood of the lamb to our hearts by grace through faith, we too can have the righteous judgment of God pass over us.

B. Well, let's take a look at our final verse and the final lesson for us. Take a look at verse 29 as we wrap up our study.

IX. Hebrews 11:29;

A. After the 10th and final plague, Pharaoh finally decided to let the Egyptians go, but then after he had already released them, he once again changed his mind and started pursuing hotly after the Israelites with his army.

B. God had led Moses to the shores of the Red Sea and they had no way of escaping Pharaoh's army that was hastily approaching. So God told Moses to take the staff in his hand and stretch it out over the waters and he told Moses that the waters would part for them so that they could walk across the sea on dry land.

1. And that is exactly what Moses and the children of Israel did. Moses stretched out his hand over the waters and God caused the waters to be divided so that Moses and the children could escape across dry land. Exodus 14 states, "So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left." (**Ex. 14:22**)

2. It was an amazing miracle that God used to deliver His people from Pharaoh and his armies.

3. The children passed through the sea through the entire night and in the morning God told Moses to once again stretch out his hand over the waters so that they may fall upon the pursuing armies of Pharaoh.

4. And that is exactly what Moses did, stretching out his hand over the waters causing the Sea to return to its normal depth thus overthrowing the Egyptians and ultimately delivering the children of Israel.

5. Chapter 14 of Exodus states, "So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the Lord had done in

Egypt; so the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord and His servant Moses.” (Ex. 14:30-31)

6. And that is what I want to focus in on this morning as it comes to the lesson we learn from the life of faith Moses lived.
7. By faith, **Moses chose to lead the children of Israel** across the Red Sea on dry land causing all the people to fear the Lord and believe on Him.
8. And just as with all these other choices Moses made, we too can make a similar choice. To live our lives in such a way that we help lead others into taking steps of faith and ultimately believing upon the Lord for themselves; that they too may become children of God and people who choose to live their lives by faith. Amen? Amen. Let's pray.

C. *Prayer points:*

1. *Entrusting our children to the Lord and His plans for them*
2. *Choosing to identify first and foremost as a child of God loved by the Lord*
3. *Being willing to choose temporary affliction over the passing pleasures of sin*
4. *Choosing to count the reproach of Christ as far greater than anything this world has to offer*
5. *Choosing to forsake this world that we may follow Jesus and keep our eyes focused upon Him*
6. *Choosing to receive the shed blood of Christ in order to be spared the righteous judgment of God*
7. *And leading others by our faith that they too may become children of the Lord and people of faith.*