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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Hebrews 11:23-29

**“Jesus Christ is Infinitely Better!” Examples
of Faith, Part Eight: Moses, Part One**

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His **PERSON** (1-7)
- II. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His **WORK** (8:1-10:18)
- III. **Christianity: An Infinitely Better WALK OF FAITH (10:19-13:24)**
 - A. The Confidence of Faith (10:19-39)
 - B. **The Examples of Faith (11)**
 1. Definition (Description) of Faith (11:1-3): **a) Recognizing** the invisible God; **b) Responding** obediently to God’s spoken word; **c) Receiving** God’s gracious approval
 2. Examples of Faith (11:4-40)
 - a. Abel (v. 4) – Faith Worshiping
 - b. Enoch (v. 5-6) – Faith Walking
 - c. Noah (v. 7) – Faith Working
 - d. Abraham and Sarah – Faith Waiting
 - e. Isaac – Faith Waiting
 - f. Jacob – Faith Waiting
 - g. Joseph – Faith Waiting
 - h. **Moses’ Parents – Faith** _____
- i. **Moses – Faith** _____

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does the author of Hebrews keep on saying “by faith” so many times throughout chapter 11? What is the point? How does this relate to v. 1-6? How does this relate to the whole argument of the book of Hebrews? How does this relate to your life?
2. Whose faith is the author referring to in v. 23? What do you know about them? What were the circumstances they were facing? Had they ever personally seen God do a miracle? What was the basis of their faith?
3. What does it mean that Moses was a “beautiful child”? Don’t all parents think their child is beautiful? Who else thought Moses was beautiful (Acts 7:20)? Why did Moses’ parents hide him for three months? Why did they put him in a basket among the reeds by the bank of the Nile? Why did his sister stand by and watch? Why didn’t other parents do this? What does this teach us about faith?
4. Read Ps. 139. What does God think about children (inside or outside of the womb)? What does He think about abortion or infanticide? How important is this issue to you? Is it important in the upcoming elections? Defend your answer biblically.
5. In Heb. 11:23, what did faith help Moses’ parents overcome? Is this ever a problem area for you? What did they have to be afraid of? Why weren’t they afraid? What verses would help you overcome the fear of man?
6. In v. 24-26, how is Moses an example of our three-fold definition of faith? From whom did he learn God’s Word? What did he know about the Christ? Did he know as much as we do now? What reward was he looking to that enabled him to turn away from the riches of Egypt? Are you being tempted by the riches of this world and compromising your commitment to eternal things? What principles can you learn from these verses to give you victory?
7. In v. 27 how is Moses an example of our three-fold definition of faith? Which leaving of Egypt is the author referring to here (the first one at age 40 or the second one at age 80)? What had Moses learned between the ages of 40 and 80 about God? What have you learned over recent years about God that has enabled you to overcome fear and endure when worldly people are against you?
8. In v. 28 how is Moses an example of our three-fold definition of faith? How did faith & obedience in this situation prepare him for faith and obedience in v. 29?
9. In v. 29 there is a change in the preposition. Whose faith is now on display? How are they an example of our three-fold definition of faith? Had these people been a tremendous example of faith prior to this? Where did they get the inspiration for this kind of faith?
10. In what specific areas is God calling you to apply the three-fold definition of faith right now? Are you an inspirational example of faith for others? What spiritual disciplines would help you grow in this area?

[Answers to blanks: Watching; Warring]