

Moses, the Prophet Formerly Known as Prince

Hebrews 11:23-29

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Moses was the first great prophet of God's people (Deut. 18:15-18). He was on a par with Abraham as the man most revered by the Jews. Hebrews 11:23-29 captures the essence of his life as a faithful servant of God. Let's look at some aspects of Moses' life that encourage us to develop a faith like his.

A Review of Moses Life (Exodus -Deuteronomy, Matthew 17:1-8)

- His life was protected by God
- He grew up in Pharaoh's household
- He decided to cast his lot with his true people, the Jews, and suffer the consequences
- He encountered God in the wilderness
- He led his people out of Egyptian bondage
- He led them through the Wilderness Wanderings
- He was unable to enter the Promised Land because on one occasion he failed to treat the Lord as Holy
- He was nevertheless honored by God and eventually allowed to appear in the Promised Land with Jesus

Key Expressions of Moses' Faith (Heb. 11:24-28)

- He rejected the pleasures of sin (11:24-26)
- He went outside his comfort zone (11:27)
- He was willing to do unusual things (11:28)

Following Moses' Example

- Refuse to give in to sin—faith conquering our feelings (Gen. 39:7-9)
- Whenever necessary, leave familiar things—faith as our security (Gen. 12:1)
- As needed, dare to do the unusual—critics overshadowed by our faith (Jn. 2:13-22)