

# Great Faith 5: Faithful Perspective

Faithfulness is embodied faith. True faith.

- Disembodied faith is useless. **It's a counterfeit.**

Faithfulness, or embodied faith, changes our whole perspective on everything.

- Our worldview changes!
- We **see the world** differently. We **see values differently**. We see **discomfort and shame** differently. We see **comfort and wealth** differently.

Hebrews 11 shows us the impact of letting faithfulness influence our perspective and the way we see the world.

**Hebrews 11 23** By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Moses parents saw something in Moses

- So they acted
- They did something the other parents weren't doing.
  - They defied Pharaoh
- Risky. Potentially deadly - but God responded to their faithfulness to him.

**24** *By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

Moses saw something.

- He saw injustice. A taskmaster beating a Hebrew. **(Ex 2)**
- In that moment he had a choice: choose a side.
  - Comfort and privilege. Security and power. Or powerlessness, danger and discomfort.
- Moses chose faithfulness. He chose discomfort and danger.
  - He rejected the pleasure of sin.

**26** *He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.*

Moses saw something more.

- He saw him who is invisible. Moses saw God.

- Moses rejected the pleasures of sin and chose God because he saw the pleasure of faithfulness.

Moses saw the reward he had. Moses saw the reward of intimacy

- Moses saw the face of God Ex 33.
- Moses ate meals with God. Ex 24
- Moses heard the name of God. Ex 34
- Moses saw Jesus in his transfiguration. Mark 9.

### Conclusion

Moses parents saw something in Moses. Do you (we ENM) see something in the next generation?

- Will we act and do what other parents aren't doing?
- Will we defy the words of death spoken over them by our Pharaoh - the culture.

Moses saw something. Will you (we ENM) open your eyes and see?

- Lift up your eyes and see: the harvest is ready.
- It's easy to have selective blindness as a Christian!
  - See the brokenness and abuse (physical, emotional, relational, financial, spiritual) that is taking place on victims all around us!
- Moses saw and picked a side.
- Which side will you pick this week?

Moses saw the reward of intimacy. We can see the same reward as Moses.

- The reward of God himself and intimacy with him.
- Faith/faithfulness is a relational word, not an intellectual one.
  - The world has no need of non relational faith
  - The world needs embodied faith, relational faith. **Faithfulness!**

Moses' faithfulness impacted how he saw the world, brokenness and God.

- Moses' faithfulness gave him perspective to choose God's side
- Moses' faithfulness gave him perspective to choose God's reward
- Moses' faithfulness gave him perspective to choose God's sacrifice.

*Hebrews 11 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.*