

By Faith

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. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. 29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea[X] as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. Hebrews 11:26-29 | NIV84

Wow- great man of faith however that's not how it started

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Failure when he tried to save Israel
Fugitive of the most powerful nation in the world - Snowden
Doesn't even have his own flock - Father in laws
Let righteousness slip - uncircumcised son
Old 80
Poor - were sacrifices worth it
Go now and stand up to the man who wanted to kill you

Why did God choose him?
What did God wait?

All his glory days were ahead of him

Our past - mixed bag
Where does God want our focus to be now?

2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." 5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Ashamed?
Instill faith - most up to that point was a humbling experience - Now God had to instill spiritual confidence - look for God's hand
Reverence My. Sinai - Come back - 10 commandments and pledge their allegiance to God - when and where Israel became God's people - Holy Ground

7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

God chose Moses - God had been preparing Moses the entire time - 40 years - Joseph same
God has chosen you

To save God's people - always about - singular focus

God's heart - heard and seen the condition of the people - focus on people's desperate state
verses ourselves

God's plans are awesome - Our focus on God's future awesome plans for your ministry and OC
Now Go - Think/feel/pray and Act on faith

Fruit/future leaders/meet needs/radical/

What does God want for your group - what does he want you to go and do

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." 13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" 15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation." 16 "Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt."

Who am I - what is God's answer to that? - doesn't say how great Moses is - I will be with you
What if I'm in over my head

4:1 What if they don't believe me

4:10 I can't speak

3:12 - I will be with you 4:12 - I will teach you what to say - 4:15 I will teach you what to do

Moses - I/I/Me

God - I/I/I

The lies and excuses satan has told and is telling you

About yourself /about your ministry/ about your limited resources/about your past/about your
Situation

What would God tell you

17 And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.' 18 "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of

Egypt and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.' 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. 20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. 21 "And I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. 22 Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians."

Exodus 3:1-22 | NIV84

What are the promises here

Bring you out of misery
Bring you to promise land
I will strike the Egyptians
They will let you go
I will make the Egyptians favorably disposed towards you

Moses had to focus on God and God's promises and not all else.

The Date of the Exodus: 1446 BC

Pharaoh who killed Hebrew children: Amuntotep I: 1532-1511 BC

Pharaoh's Daughter who adopted Moses: Hatshepsut: 1526 BC

Pharaoh of Moses' flight to Midian: Thutmose II/Hatshepsut: 1498-1485 BC

Pharaoh of the Exodus: Thutmose III: 1485 - 1431 BC

Tutmoses 3 - Pharaoh of the Exodus

