

## Sermon Discussion Questions

July 31, 2016

*MOSES: Faith To Do the Right Thing and Trust God for the Results*

Hebrews 11:24-28

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1. Historical background of the life of Moses: How old was Moses when he died (*Deut. 34:7*) and what are the three time periods that summarize his life and ministry?
2. What kind of life did Moses enjoy when he lived in Egypt as the son of Pharaoh's daughter? (see *Heb. 11:25, Acts 7:22*). What are some advantages of living in ease and affluence, and what are some disadvantages? (see *Proverbs 30:8*)
3. There are three *Moses . . . by faith* sections of today's text. What is the first of the three (*verses 24-26*)?
  - a. What does it mean to identify with someone who is suffering?
  - b. What is the difference between Bob's "cold shower" event and Moses' suffering?
  - c. Why is Christ's incarnation the greatest example of this?
  - d. How might we identify with people who suffer in illness, or poverty, or despair?
  - e. Why are *the pleasures of sin* called *fleeting* (*vs. 25b*)? [see also *Psalms 1*]
  - f. How many "time zones" did Moses live in? What motivated him to give up so much?
  - g. How many "time zones" do you live in? Which one tends to dominate your decision-making?
  - h. Discuss the Dave Ramsey quote: "When you base your life on principles, most of your decisions are made before you encounter them."
  - i. Why must Christians be prepared to *consider the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the wealth of America*? What is "the great lie" of our day? What is "the great truth" that needs to be taught and embraced? [see *II Tim. 3:12, Romans 8:18*]
  - j. Why would this text be so encouraging to its original readers (*Heb. 10:32-36*)?
  - k. Discuss this sermon quote: "Why gorge yourself on earthly junk food in this temporal today when God has promised and provided a heavenly banquet in His eternal tomorrow"?
4. The second *by faith Moses* statement is *vs. 27*. Who or what was he looking at, and why? Discuss Dr. Bob Yarbrough's quote from his sermon on July 3<sup>rd</sup> to start this sermon series:  
**Faith is lived out confidence in what God prescribes and promises. It is the conviction borne out by action that something we can't see is what matters most in all we do. Faith is the knowledge that God is life's biggest reality, and we approach him on his terms and let him transform us in the course of time.**
5. The third *by faith Moses* statement is *vs. 28*. In what way can it be said that Moses was trusting in the gospel? [to study the details of what he did, see *Exodus 12:7-13*]

6. A number of texts were cited near the end of the message, along with various phrases:

- The idolatry of popularity *(John 15:20)*
- The fantasy of compatibility *(II Cor. 6:14)*
- The impossibility of conformity *(Rom. 12:1-2)*
- The inevitability of suffering *(Phil. 1:29)*
- Our providential opportunity *(Phil. 2:15)*    What does this mean for you/us?