

Overcoming Trials

Hebrews 11:23-29

Hebrews 11:23-29 (NASB)

²³ “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.”

Moses had some tough times in his long life. He fled from a murder charge, spent years in the desert, stood toe-to-toe with a king who scorned him, led a grumbling nation through 40 years of hardship, and saw those same people run hot and cold in their allegiance. Yet once Moses learned the secret to dealing with trials, he faced them courageously.

Even though he returned to Egypt with an unmistakable call from the Lord ([Exodus 3:10](#)), appearing before Pharaoh must nonetheless have been intimidating.

Exodus 3:10 (NASB)

¹⁰ “Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

And Moses had to plead with the man *repeatedly* for the release of the Israelites. Pharaoh was not fazed by locusts, convinced by boils, or softened by water turning into blood. In fact, he made life even harder for the slaves by forcing them to find their own brickmaking materials. In turn, the Hebrews heaped ingratitude on their leader.

In spite of all the opposition, Moses kept returning to the palace until he had achieved God's purpose—the release of His people. [Hebrews 11:27](#) tells us that as the former prince led the exodus from Egypt, “he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.”

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²⁷ “By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.”

With a stack of trials behind and despite a hint of more to come in leading this unruly people, Moses moved forward, aware that he was walking in the Lord's presence.

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God had pledged to be with Moses every step of the way ([Exodus 3:12](#)).

[Exodus 3:12 \(NASB\)](#)

¹²“And He said, “Certainly I will be with you, and this shall be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain.”

The Israelite leader fixed his focus on that promise and the One who made it. He had the wisdom to trust that I Am ([Exodus 3:14](#))—the eternal sovereign of the universe—would guard his way and bring him victory over trials.

[Exodus 3:14 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁴“God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.”