

Further Study – May 9, 2021

Read: Hebrews 11:23-29 and Exodus 5:1 – 6:10

If you heard the sermon this week, was there any part of the message or scripture passage that was particularly important or meaningful to you? If so, what?

Understanding Questions:

- What five moments in Moses' life does the writer of Hebrews identify the work of faith in action? What did it cost Moses to live in faith and leave Egypt?
- Why did Pharaoh refuse Moses' request for the Israelites to go into the wilderness for three days? What were the people doing for him? What did he order their taskmasters to do as punishment for the request?
- How do the Israelites respond to Moses after being given so much extra work? What does Moses in turn say to God?

Application Questions:

- The writer of Hebrews acknowledges that Moses gave up a lot in order to follow God: the riches of Egypt, status, privilege, and a much less stressful life. But Hebrews also acknowledges that Moses gained something much better with his trust in God.
 - Do you ever feel like you would be better off in the eyes of the world without your faith? Why or why not?
 - On the other side of the question, what "invisible" things has faith in God brought to your life?
- The Israelites become very angry with Moses, with some justification, for doing what God told him to do. Moses then complains to God.
 - Do you see Moses' response as unfaithful or could it also be understood as an act of faith? Have you ever felt as frustrated for following God as Moses does here?