Introduction

Abraham may be the supreme example of faith, but Moses was Israel’s greatest prophet.

“When a prophet of the Lord is among you,
    I reveal myself to him in visions,
    I speak to him in dreams.
But this is not true of my servant Moses;
    he is faithful in all my house.
With him I speak face to face,
    clearly and not in riddles;
    he sees the form of the Lord.” Numbers 12:6-8a

At the end of Moses’ life this tribute was written at the end of Deuteronomy 34:10-12.

“Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.”

Moses was unique, but he was not alone. He stood in a line of individuals who were men and women of faith and they each have something to teach us.

I. Faith looks beyond the grave. Hebrews 11:20-22

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

Isaac, Jacob and Joseph came to the end of their days full of hope. They looked to the future and blessed their sons.

- Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.
- Jacob blessed his sons and Joseph’s sons.
- Joseph spoke of the Exodus and gave instructions about his bones.

These three men had faith in God’s promises. They looked to the future beyond the grave.

God wants us to have that kind of faith too.

Faith changes the way we look at life and death.
II. Faith is courageous. Hebrews 11:23-25

Faith takes risks.

The faith of Moses begins with the faith of his parents, Amram and Jochebed.
It took courage to defy Pharaoh’s orders, but they believed that Moses was no ordinary child.
When Moses was 40, he made a courageous decision to say no to his privileged position and identify with the people of God.
Moses had a true sense of values.
He saw the pleasures of this life as fleeting and the rewards of heaven as eternal.

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, for what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” II Corinthians 4:16-18

III. Faith openly identifies with Christ. Hebrews 11:26-28

There came a point when Moses had to choose. Am I going to follow Christ or the world?
The writer of Hebrews said, he chose Christ!
By faith he left Egypt.
By faith he kept the Passover.
There comes a time when each of us must decide, will we follow Christ or the world?

Conclusion

I’d Rather Have Jesus
I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
I’d rather be His than have riches untold;
I’d rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I’d rather be led by His nail pierced hand.

Than to be a king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin’s dread sway,
I’d rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I’d rather have Jesus than men’s applause;
I’d rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I’d rather have Jesus than world-wide fame,
I’d rather be true to His holy name.

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What about you?
Will you follow Christ?
Will you use your talents for his glory alone?