



# The Good News

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## ***The Example of Moses***

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**W**hen we read Exodus 2 concerning Moses and his birth, how he was saved from death as a baby, and how he was raised by Pharaoh's daughter, we find that God's providence is working throughout the entire account. We read about Moses' fear in what God asked of him in Exodus 3. We read about the excuses that Moses made as to why he was not the right man for the job. As we continue through the book of Exodus, we read about Moses' faith and humility. This is a man that was raised with the best education that Egypt could offer, yet maintained a faith in the one Jehovah, as opposed to the many deities in which the Egyptians believed. When we consider Moses and his example, we find that he centered his mind and heart on that which truly had value, that which promised the true treasure and reward. Let's consider some of the lessons we can learn from Moses:

### **Learn from the good influences around us** –

We find the first thing mentioned in the book of Hebrews that involves Moses isn't about Moses at all, but rather about his parents. In Hebrews 11:23, we find that it was by faith that Moses was hidden three months by his parents, and they were not afraid of Pharaoh's command. We can read in Exodus that Moses' own mother would be a nursemaid to Moses as Pharaoh's daughter adopts him. It stands to reason that Moses would eventually learn that the nursemaid was his mother. After all, he somehow knew that he was a Hebrew when we find him going to his brethren in Ex. 2. While there is no way of knowing just how well he knew his parents we can certainly see their influence, or at least that of the Hebrews, on Moses in the very fact that he had faith in Jehovah. We, too, can take courage and support from those around us, particularly family members, which are Christians and are strong in the faith. We can learn from their victories, as well as their defeats. Most of all, we can realize that

we are not alone in our battles in life...we have other soldiers to help us along the way.

**Care about the spiritual more than the physical** – In Hebrews 11:24-26, we find that it was by faith that Moses chose to “*suffer affliction with the people of God...esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*” One of the most important ways to make our faith stronger is to truly realize what has hope of reward...Heaven. Moses cared more to suffer reproach than to give in to what Egypt had to offer, and we can take a lesson from him and make sure our priorities are in order as well.

**Do not fear man** – In Hebrews 11:27-28 we find that it was by faith that Moses “*forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.*” Another lesson to be learned from Moses' faith is that he went from being afraid of man when he ran from Egypt to Midian, to having no fear of man when he returned to Egypt and led the Hebrews out. We find that Jesus says in Matt. 10:28, “*And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*” Our trust should be in God, trusting that He will indeed fulfill His promise to redeem us and give us the reward, raising us from the dead. If that means going against what man says in order to obey God, so be it.

Let's allow Moses' example to motivate us to have the same faith in the Lord. And let us remind ourselves of that which has true value...our soul's reward of eternal life in Heaven.