

Heroes – Moses

Hebrews 11:1-3

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. NKJV

- Faith is confident assurance
- It is going to happen
- God approves when we act in faith
- The God kind of faith

The Bible is full of examples of how to live the life of faith that pleases God

Life can be hard but people of faith have their focus on things beyond this world – Supernatural

When we live a life of faith the things in this life become dim and the things of heaven become our primary concern
“Your Kingdom come Your will be done”

No Slide: James 2:14, 17

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. NKJV

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. NKJV

- Faith strips off every weight
- Faith says no to sin
- Faith runs with endurance
- Faith focuses on Jesus
- Faith brings us to a place of honor
- Seek those things where Christ is – **Colossians 3:1**

If you believe that something is not going to be good for you, you won't do it

If you believe that God will reward you for doing the right thing you will do it
The key is “if you believe” or “What”

Living a life of Faith that produces a strong relationship with our Heavenly Father will cause us to want to live a life that pleases Him and reaches out to others

Moses:

Hebrews 11:24-26

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. NKJV

- The call of God will pull on you
- What's your passion?
- What do you wish you could change?
- What breaks your heart?
- What I do with that pull is important – ignore / pursue

Exodus 2:11-15

11 Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. 13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?" 14 Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!" 15 When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well. NKJV

Exodus 2:23-24

23 Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. 24 So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. NKJV

- God is faithful to His promises
- He is a God of covenant
- He has given us all things – 2 Peter 1:3
- Your trial is making you stronger – Exodus 1:12

Exodus 3:1-2 NKJV

1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

- Am I faithful to the flock I've been given?
- When was the last time I left the busyness?
- When was the last time I stirred up passion?
- The fire of God can not be quenched

Jeremiah 20:9

9 And I can't quit! For if I say I'll never again mention the Lord-never more speak in his name-then his word in my heart is like fire that burns in my bones, and I can't hold it in any longer. TLB

- Does this describe me?

Exodus 3:4-6

4 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." 6 Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. NKJV

- Draw near – James 4:8
- Am I vulnerable in God's presence?
- Am I undone? – Isaiah 6:5
- Does His presence leave me in awe?
- Am I challenged in His presence?
- Or am I too casual in my relationship?

Exodus 3:7, 9-10

7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

NKJV

- There's a whole world held captive
- There's a whole world of suffering
- There's a whole world in misery
- What is He asking you to do?

Exodus 3:13-15

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" 15 Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'" NKJV

- I Am that I Am – The breath of existence
- He is the One that always has been
- He will breathe life into your situation – Ez. 37
- I am with you – do I believe?

John 17:22-24

22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. NKJV

- Made us ONE – Ephesians 2:14-15
- The Glory (Presence) of God is ours to behold
- The World will know the love of God through us

Exodus 4:1-2

1 Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'" 2 So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod." NKJV

- When you step out and trust God there will be fear that others may not believe you
- Learn to trust His voice
- He will use who you are
 - what you have – 2 Kings 4:2 – jar of oil
- Don't try to be someone else
- A Shepherd was enough to lead a nation to freedom

Exodus 4:3

3 And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. NKJV

- We have got to trust God to move
- Can I let go of what I have in my hand?
- Our trust can not be in what we have or do not have or have or have not done
- It may scare us to see what God wants to do
- We need to look beyond our inabilities resources and fear – Our ability is in Him

Exodus 4:4

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), NKJV

- Am I bold enough to take hold of what He wants to do?

Exodus 4:5-8

God gives Moses a series of miracles to perform to prove that He is with Him

John 14:12

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. NKJV

- We are called for greater
- We are called for more

Exodus 4:10-12

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

11 So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? 12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." NKJV

- We do not need perfection for God to use us
- Go do what I have told you
- He will tell you what to say
- He empowers you to touch the World

1 Peter 4:11

11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. NKJV

Romans 12:4-5

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. NKJV

- Not one of us can do the job alone
- We need each other
- God needs you to be you
- Don't try to be someone else
- The Body of Christ needs you!

Romans 12:6-8 NKJV

6 Having then **gifts** differing according to the **grace** that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; **he who gives, with liberality**; he who leads, with **diligence**; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- Develop the gift in you
 - Helps, Admin. – **1 Corinthians 12:28**
- Get involved in ministry or small group
- If you're called to lead – help us lead
- Reach out to others

Romans 12:9-11

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; NKJV