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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Hebrews 11:23-27
- b) The most powerful and influential force on the Earth today is the faith of a godly mother.
- c) In Hebrews 11, God lists the heroes of the faith, and included in that list is Jochebed, the mother of Moses.
 - i) The name Jochebed means "Jehovah Is Glorious."
 - ii) In the eyes of the world, Jochebed was just a hopeless, Hebrew slave in Egypt; but she raised up a son who shook the world.
- d) Jochebed raised Moses by faith.
 - i) Hebrews 11:23
- e) When God has a big job for us to do, faith gets the order.
 - i) Matthew 9:29
 - (1) Not according to our fame, feelings, fortune or friends, but according to our faith.
- f) The most influential people in the world are mothers of faith.

2) FAITH'S VISION (HEBREWS 11:23)

- a) Faith's vision sees a promise in the Word of God.
 - i) God's Word is full of promises to mothers.
- b) Hebrews 11:23
 - i) The phrase "a proper child" in this passage means that Moses was a very fitting and very special child, and Moses' parents did not see him with ordinary eyes.
 - (1) One translation says that God had given them an unusual child.
 - ii) Moses' parents saw their child through the eye of faith and through the Word of God.
 - (1) They saw that he was a goodly child.
- c) No one can have faith apart from the Word of God.
 - i) Romans 10:17
- d) The Scriptures had prophesied that the children of Israel would be in the land of Egypt for 400 years, and then God would raise a leader to lead them out.
 - i) Somehow, as Moses' parents looked upon him, they took the Word of God and knew that he was a special child.
 - (1) It is possible that they knew, by the Holy Spirit, that he was the one to lead the people.
- e) Every child of God is special.
 - i) Every child of God has a very wonderful plan laid out for them by the will and the purpose of God.
 - ii) Every child is the object of God's love.
- f) Psalm 112:1-2
 - i) As parents, we should strive to live upright lives so that our children will be blessed.

- g) Children are a gift from God, and we need to look at them as a bundle of potentiality.
 - i) This is what Moses' parents did.
 - ii) But children must be developed.
 - (1) Nobody is born a great person; they have to be made a great person by a mother's prayers and a father's faith and instruction.

3) FAITH'S VENTURE (HEBREWS 11:23)

- a) Faith's venture turns the promise into action.
 - i) It is not enough for us to just say that we will trust our children to the Lord and say a prayer over our children.
 - (1) Hebrews 11:23
 - (a) The verb "hid" in this passage shows us that when Moses' parents had faith that they did something about that faith.
 - ii) True faith must have action in it, or it is not faith at all.
- b) When Jochebed and Amram had little Moses, they hid him for three months rather than let the authorities know that this baby boy had been born.
 - i) They had faith, and they did all they could do to spare the life of this child.
- c) Jochebed and Amram could have had three responses:
 - i) Fatalism
 - (1) They could have said what will be, will be.
 - (2) They could have said that they were just trusting God's will, and that if God wanted to spare Moses, then He would spare him; if God wanted him to die, then he would die.
 - (a) This is the same thing as people today who refuse to go to the doctor when sick and, instead, they just say that if God wants them healed, then He will heal them.
 - (i) Matthew 9:12
 - (b) Some say that they are just going to trust God to feed them.
 - (i) Matthew 6:11
 - (ii) 2 Thessalonians 3:10
 - (3) We can say that we are going to trust our children to Jesus, but we then must put our faith into action or it really isn't faith at all.
 - (a) James 2:17-18
 - ii) Fanaticism
 - (1) They could have taken baby Moses and just thrown him into the Nile River and called upon the Lord to take care of him in an effort to show their faith.
 - (a) But this is not faith at all.
 - iii) Faith
 - (1) It is only faith that works.
 - (2) If we want our children to be mighty for God, then we had better go to work.
 - (a) Moses' parents did something for little Moses.

- (3) Proverbs 22:6
 - (a) Dictionary meaning of the word “training:” to prepare, to instruct, to drill, to form to a proper shape, and to discipline for use.
 - (b) We do not learn something merely by hearing it talked about; we must be trained.
 - (c) Though we are to teach our children, the Bible says that we are also to train them.
 - (4) Real faith is belief with legs on it.
 - (5) There’s a difference between training and teaching.
 - (a) We can teach our children; but if we don’t train them, someone else can come along and teach them something different.
 - (b) When they are trained, it becomes a part of their lives.
- 4) FAITH’S VALOR (HEBREWS 11:23)
- a) The king had said that the little boy babies were to be killed, but Moses’ parents were not afraid of the king’s commandment.
 - b) Moses’ family lived during dangerous days; we are living in dangerous times.
 - c) 2 Timothy 3:1
 - i) The word “perilous” is used only one other time in the New Testament, and it is translated “exceedingly fierce.”
 - d) We are living in exceedingly fierce days.
 - i) We have liberalism in our churches.
 - (1) Many of our churches have become liberal in that they doubt the Bible, are empty of faith, and deny Christ.
 - (2) We should have our children in Bible-preaching churches that are Christ-honoring, biblically conservative, that take a stand for the faith.
 - (a) Jude 1:3
 - (3) We should never put our children in a church that does not believe that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, that does not believe that Jesus Christ is the virgin born Son of God, that does not believe in the blood atonement of Christ, or that does not believe in the second coming of Jesus.
 - ii) We have humanism in our schools.
 - (1) Humanism is a camouflaged way of saying atheism.
 - (2) Voluntary prayer is under attack in our schools.
 - (3) Evolution can be taught but not creationism.
 - (a) Many claim that creationism is not taught because it is religion.
 - (i) Evolution, though, is religion in reverse: it is trying to explain everything apart from God.
 - (4) Amoral sex education is now taught in schools.
 - (a) Sex education that is taught apart from biblical values will only work for harm and not for good.
 - (i) Exodus 20:14
 - (ii) 1 Corinthians 6:18

- iii) Our society is consumed with pleasure.
 - (1) The alcohol industry spends billions of dollars in advertising each year, and it is aimed at our youth.
 - (2) Television sitcoms laugh at sexual perversion and drunkenness.
 - (a) The devil knows what we laugh at we cannot take seriously again.
 - (3) Movies and music today are filled with messages of promiscuity, fatalism, rebellion, drugs and alcohol.
 - e) Moses' parents looked past the king of Egypt to the King of kings.
 - i) Hebrews 11:23
 - (1) They were not afraid of the king's commandment.
- 5) FAITH'S VICTORY (HEBREWS 11:24)
- a) Jochebed hid Moses for three months.
 - b) When they could no longer hide the baby, they made a waterproof ark for him and placed him in the bulrushes in the Nile River.
 - c) Moses' big sister, Miriam, was standing off to the side watching.
 - d) Pharaoh's daughter, accompanied by her entourage, came to the Nile to bathe.
 - i) The princess could have bathed in the most lavish baths in the palaces of Egypt, but she chose to bathe in the dirty Nile River.
 - (1) We can see the hand of God at work.
 - e) Pharaoh's daughter sees the ark and the baby Moses and had compassion on the baby.
 - i) God performed a miracle by placing a bonding in her heart to the baby.
 - f) Miriam, standing nearby, offers to find a Hebrew nurse for the baby, and Pharaoh's daughter agrees.
 - i) The daughter of the king of Egypt took the suggestion of a little slave girl.
 - g) Pharaoh's daughter offers to pay Jochebed to take care of baby Moses for her.
 - i) So Jochebed is paid for taking care of her own little baby.
 - h) Jochebed takes Moses at three months old and began to sing songs to him and to put into him the love of God and a value system.
 - i) God gave the victory.
 - i) We do not have to be afraid of the devil and his crowd.
 - j) God took a little ark and made it a battleship to sink Pharaoh's kingdom.
 - k) Jochebed was a woman of faith.
 - i) We need to believe God and trust God.
 - ii) We must be parents of faith day after day, here a little and there a little.
 - (1) Isaiah 28:10
- 6) FAITH'S VALUES (HEBREWS 11:24-27)
- a) Faith's values endure when the parents have departed.
 - b) We see in our world today a great battle over values.
 - c) Moses had an incredible value system.

- d) Moses could have been the king of Egypt.
 - i) Moses was in line to be the next Pharaoh.
 - ii) But he refused it; he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.
 - (1) He refused power, possessions and position.
- e) How did Moses' value system work?
 - i) He esteemed.
 - (1) On one side were the treasures of Egypt; on the other side were the glories of Jesus.
 - (2) He knew that if he decided to go the way of Egypt, then he would have power, possessions and prestige.
 - (3) He knew that he would have Jesus if he decided otherwise.
 - (4) He esteemed Christ greater than the treasures of Egypt.
 - (5) It is foolish to try to get children to make a decision unless they have something to decide, unless we have shown them the riches of Jesus.
 - ii) He chose.
 - (1) When Moses had first esteemed, he then chose Jesus.
 - iii) He refused.
 - (1) In order go the way of Jesus, he had to leave the way of Egypt.
 - (2) He refused in order to choose.
- f) Moses was educated and skilled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians.
 - i) Acts 7:22
- g) Jochebed put something in his heart that all the teachers in Egypt could not take away.
 - i) She was a mother of faith.
- h) We often tell our children not to do this or that, but what have we given them that's better? What have we shown them?
 - i) If we try to take a nasty bone away from a dog, we'll get bit.
 - (1) But lay a steak on the ground, he will leave the bone for the steak.
 - ii) We have to show our children the beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ.

7) CONCLUSION

- a) Moses said that he did not want Egypt, but that he was going God's way.
- b) Moses had parents of faith.
- c) Are you a parent of faith?
- d) The only way to be a parent of faith is to first know the Savior.
 - i) Do you have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ?
 - ii) If not, you can pray to Him today and ask Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16