

Faith of Godly Parents, a Covenant Child & a Foreign Convert

Hebrews 11:23-31

I. **FAITH OF MOSES' PARENTS** (11:23; Ex 1:8-2:12)—chooses life and protects children

A. **Saw That the Child Was Beautiful**

1. **The Value of Children** (Mk 10:13-16)—Jesus loves children.

a. **Life is recognized at conception. (Ps 139:13-16).**

b. **Children are a blessing from God. (Ps 127:3-5).**

2. **God's Purpose for My Child.** (Jer 1:5)—He created, owns, knows and has a plan for this child.

B. **Did Not Fear the King's Edict** (Act 4:18)—we have a duty to protect children, even if it means defying the laws of men

1. **Christians love children.** (Ps 27:10)—Love protects, requires courage

2. **Christians fear God, not men.** (Ex 1:17)—Fear compels obedience

II. **THE FAITH OF MOSES** (11:24-28)—chooses persecution with God's people over advantage in the world

A. **Renounced the World** (24, 25; Ps 84:10)—he refused benefits and privilege available to him as a son of Egyptian royalty

1. **Worldly Status**

2. **Pleasures of Sin**

B. **Chooses the People of God** (25)—claimed his godly heritage

1. **Publicly identified himself with them** (Heb 2:11)

2. **Chose to be mistreated with them** (10:32-34)

3. **Chose the God of his fathers over the gods of Egypt** (26)—valued suffering with Christ more than the treasures of Egypt

a. **Eternal reward over temporary treasure** ()—

b. **God Himself is the greatest reward.** (Gen 15:1)—

- C. Did not fear the king's anger (27)—saw God**
1. **Left Egypt**—banished from society, became a nobody...
 2. **Endured**
- D. Kept the Passover (28)—prefigured Christ**
- III. THE FAITH OF THE PEOPLE (11:29-30)—faith that overcomes impossible obstacles**
- A. The Red Sea (29; 2 Pet 2:9)—God not constrained by the natural world**
1. **Escape from their Enemies—*deliverance*** for Israel
 2. **Punishment of their Enemies—*judgment*** on Egyptian army
- B. The Walls of Jericho (30; Ps 20:7)—God is not limited by human technology**
- IV. THE FAITH OF RAHAB (31)—faith that converts enemy to friend to family...**
- A. Fears God**—saving faith begins with godly fear
- B. Befriends God's People (Gen 12:13; Mat 25:40)—risked her life to cast her lot with them**
- C. Saves Her and Her Family from Destruction**—a single woman acted independently to save her entire family
- D. Gives Her a Home with God's People (1 Pet 2:10)**
1. **From Foreigner to Family**
 2. **From Sinner to Saint**—prostitute to matriarch (wife and mother)
 3. **From Cursed to Blessed to Blessing**—ancestress of King David and Jesus Christ

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Resources for finding Emotional Healing and Forgiveness after Abortion:

1. **Augusta Care Pregnancy Center**—local support group— <http://www.augustacpc.org/>
2. **Save One**—online study and resources—<https://saveone.org/>
3. **Rachel's Vineyard Ministries**—weekend retreats—<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org>