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Finishing Well?

- A. Remembering the saints that encourage us.
- B. Remove the sin which weighs us down.
- C. Renew our focus on the Savior (Jesus).

In Hebrews 11, we have many faithful saints cheering us on....

They all <u>ran</u> their race.

They all <u>received</u> their reward.

They all <u>revealed</u> that God is reliable.

They are all <u>revitalizing</u> us for our own race.

The Faithful Life of Moses

By faith, Moses...

1. BY FAITH give everything to God.

Hebrews 11:23, NASB - ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was <u>hidden</u> [meaning "secured because of value"] for three months by his parents, <u>because they saw he was a beautiful child</u> [Gk: ἀστεῖος means, "beautiful" and can mean, "full of potential;" (Heb. in Ex. 2:2, lit., "to glow;" NIV-"no ordinary child"]; and <u>they were not afraid</u> of the <u>king's edict</u> [in Exodus 2—Pharaoh wanted to kill of the newborn, Israelite children].

- Entrust EVERYTHING to God's Care—especially, your children.
- Don't fear the Pharaoh's of life.

2. BY FAITH seek to honor God.

Hebrews 11:24–26, NASB - ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

Hebrews 11:26, MSG - ²⁶ He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater than Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, <u>anticipating the payoff</u>.

- Choose the eternal over the temporary.
- Don't fear missing out on worldly fun.
- Honor God now knowing the reward comes later.

3. BY FAITH know when to wait of God.

Hebrews 11:27, NASB - ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

"It is human to fear to miss the chance; but it is great to wait for the right time of God—even when it seems like throwing a chance away." - Barclay

4. BY FAITH obey God's Word.

Hebrews 11:28, NASB - ²⁸ By faith he <u>kept</u> [used here, denotes continual action] <u>the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood</u>, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

"The instructions were strange, the demands costly, the ritual unprecedented but the results were undeniable." - Dr. Rayman Brown

• Don't fear looking foolish before the world.

5. BY FAITH see God's hand in all things.

Hebrews 11:29, NASB - ²⁹ By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

• In Exodus 14, before the sea was parted, Moses told the Israelites (1) Stand still, (2) Watch what our God will do and (3) Go forward.

"You see, according to 1 Corinthians 10:2, the parting of the Red Sea was a picture of baptism. The same waters that parted for the Israelites buried the Egyptians. So, too, by entering the waters of baptism, we say, "Bury the Egypt in me, Lord. Drown out the old, the flesh, the world. I'm headed for a new land and a new way of living—with Christ."

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