

**“Living by Faith: Factors That Will Shape Your Faith”  
Hebrews 11:23-27**

**Heb 11:23-27** *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.*

**II Cor 5:7** *for we walk by faith, not by sight.*

What were the factors that shaped Moses' faith?

I. His parents influenced his faith.

**Heb 11:23** *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict*

**Warren Wiersbe says**, “Though godly parents cannot pass on their faith as they do family traits, they can create an atmosphere of faith at home and be an example to their children. A home should be the first school of faith for a child.”

II. His circumstances deepened his faith.

Potential detours that can deepen your faith:

A. Personal ambition.

**Jon Macarthur**, “When Moses reached the age of forty, he faced a crucial decision. He had to decide between becoming a full-fledged Egyptian, with absolute loyalty and no reservations, and joining his own people, Israel. The deciding factor was his faith in God.”

**Heb 11:24** *Moses ... refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter*

When I decided to be a follower of Jesus, I am denying everything that this world has to offer.

Where is my allegiance?

**Luke 9:23** *And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

The longer I follow Jesus, the more my life should demonstrate His life to those around me.

Reality: Apart from Christ, I will choose convenience over obedience.

B. Worldly pleasure.

**Heb 11:25** *choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

**I John 2:16** *For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.*

Are you willing to “choose rather” the things of God?

**Gal 5:16-17** *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.*

**Raymond Edman** says, “The Almighty creates no desires deep in the human soul that He Himself cannot satisfy.”

The pleasures of sin are temporary, but the consequences of sin can last a lifetime.

Reality: Apart from Christ, I will be controlled by my flesh.

C. Abundance.

**Heb 11:26** *He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.*

**Phil 3:7-10** *But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

Living by faith is choosing the greater treasure.

Reality: Apart from Christ, abundance will produce arrogance and apathy.

D. Pressure.

**Heb 11:27** *By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.*

Endurance is choosing the path of difficulty and hanging in there when tempted to turn around.

Reality: Apart from Christ, I will be overwhelmed by the circumstances of life.

What factors have shaped your faith?