

Living By Faith – Faith Like Moses – Week 3 – 7-14-24 – Pastor Rob

1. Do you tend to trust first until someone breaks that trust, or do you not trust until people show they are trustworthy?
2. How does your ability to trust or not trust impact your relationships?
3. Pastor Rob said that Faith requires Trust. Do you agree or disagree and why?

Hebrews 11:24-29 - By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

4. Faith requires perseverance, movement & trust. Where do you see these in the above verses?
5. Which is hardest for you: perseverance, movement or trust?

Exodus 4:19-23 - Now the LORD had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead." ²⁰ So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand. ²¹ The LORD said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. ²² Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son, ²³ and I told you, "Let my son go, so he may worship me." But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.'"

6. Moses was willing to risk his life to do what God asked him to do. Why do you think that he was willing to do that?
7. What concerns do you think that Moses had in doing what God asked him to?
8. What helps you to persevere in doing what God wants?
9. What do you need to know before you will act on what God wants you to do?
10. Jesus asks us to do a lot of things in the Bible. Which ones are the hardest for you?
11. Why do you think that Jesus asks us to do the things that he does?
12. Is there something Jesus asks that you have been unwilling to do? (Be Baptized, Give Generously, Read His Word, Pray Consistently, Share your Faith, Something else?)
13. Where do you struggle to trust God? Why do you think that is?

Exodus 12 - When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. ²⁴ "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' ²⁷ then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron. ²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

14. What God asked the Israelites to do didn't make sense, but they trusted him and were saved. Faith required action for the Israelites. How does our faith require action?
15. What don't you understand about God that is holding you back from trusting Him fully?
16. What is God asking you to do that you need to take a step of faith to accomplish?