

Week of Lent 3: The Faith of Moses

*By faith, Moses chose the hard path to follow God's call. How does our faith affect
the choices we must make?*

Gathering Song

"By Faith"

vs 1,2&4

Verse 1 By faith we see the hand of God
 In the light of creation's grand design
 In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
 Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2 By faith our fathers roamed the earth
 With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
 Of a holy city built by God's own hand
 A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus We will stand as children of the promise
 We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
 Till the race is finished and the work is done
 We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 4 By faith the church was called to go
 In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
 To deliver captives and to preach good news
 In ev'ry corner of the earth **Chorus**

Opening Dialogue

P: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, by the prophets,

C: but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

P: Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the imprint of God's very being,

C: and He sustains all things by his powerful word.

P: Since we have confidence by the new and living way opened for us by Jesus,

C: let us live our lives with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

Prayer of the Day

C: Holy God, in difficult times Moses trusted in you. When life was too much for Moses to bear, he leaned on his friends and family and on your everlasting arm. Give us wisdom. Instill within us hope to share with those around us. Give us strength to help others when we can. Make us humble to know when we need help. We ask for your loving kindness and peace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-14

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said

to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1, 23-28

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²³By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Reflection

Pastor Dave

"How does our faith affect the choices we must make?"

P: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

C: the conviction of things not seen.

Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Prayers

P: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: Faithful God, shower the world with your loving kindness,

C: that all may know your peace.

P: Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors,

C: that all may know your love.

P: Comfort the sick and dying,

C: that all may know your mercy.

P: Guide our leaders in the way of truth,

C: that all may know your justice.

P: Focus our hearts on the way of the cross,

C: that all may have faith in you.

P: Let us pray in the words of Martin Luther:

C: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - Setting by David Haas

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our

dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give
 those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
 time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the
 king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours,
 now and for ev - er.

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Blessing

P: The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Postlude



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