

Moses: Man of Faith

Ponder: Taking a stand

Scripture: “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter” (Heb. 11:24, NKJV).

Could you just renounce the family you had known and loved the better part of four decades? We know Moses was born a Hebrew and lived with his biological parents until he was weaned. Then he became the adopted son of Pharaoh’s daughter. In Acts 7:22 Stephen informs us that Moses received the best education Egypt had to offer, which was no small thing; while the Egyptians had some bizarre ideas about spiritual matters, the builders of those pyramids were positively brilliant! Why, then, would Moses turn his back on the wealth and status he enjoyed with the family he had undoubtedly grown to love?

The short answer is faith. Hollywood movies to the contrary notwithstanding, Moses knew who he was and what God wanted him to do. God may have revealed it to him directly, or He may have revealed it to Moses’ parents. Regardless, Moses “esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward” (Heb. 11:25). People of faith know that God is “a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (11:6).

Moses certainly knew that Pharaoh was powerful and would not be pleased with his decision to stand with the Hebrews. Nevertheless, he knew the truth of what Jesus would say centuries later: “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:10). Moses’ actions also fit what Jesus said in Matt. 10:37, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of Me,” and Mk. 10:29-30, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life.”

Moses took a stand when all human reasoning call it foolish. May God help us to set aside human wisdom by standing with Him!

Song: “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

Prayer: Eternal Father, strengthen us to stand with You no matter who or what may hinder us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.