

TRANSLATIONAL SUMMARY

Heroes of the Faith Are Witnesses

Hebrews 11:23-29

Big Idea:

Heroes of the faith are witnesses. They witness God's faithfulness, trust God's promises, and pass that testimony to the next generation.

Introduction

- When most people think of Moses, they think of the Ten Commandments, the Red Sea, or the burning bush.
- Hebrews remembers Moses for something greater: his faith.
- The writer of Hebrews gives us five snapshots from Moses' life that reveal what faith looks like.
- A witness is someone who testifies to what they have seen and experienced.
- Moses became a witness because he witnessed the faithfulness of God.
- Faith is confidence in God's character before we see the outcome.

Snapshot #1 – Faith Is Modeled (Hebrews 11:23)

- Before Moses trusted God, his parents trusted God.
- Before Moses became a witness, he witnessed faith.
- Moses' parents were not afraid of Pharaoh's edict because they trusted God.
- Faith does not mean the absence of fear; it means trusting God more than what we fear.
- The first witnesses in Moses' life were not prophets or priests, but his parents.
- Faith lived out at home helped shape the future faith of Moses.

Key Truth:

The faith we model today can influence future generations.

Snapshot #2 – Faith Chooses Christ (Hebrews 11:24-26)

- Moses had everything Egypt could offer:
 - Wealth
 - Power
 - Influence
 - Comfort
 - Position
- Moses refused the treasures of Egypt.
- Moses chose mistreatment with God's people over temporary pleasures.
- Moses considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than Egypt's treasures.
- Moses was looking to the reward.

Key Truth:

Faith is not merely giving up something; faith believes Christ is worth more.

Snapshot #3 – Faith Endures (Hebrews 11:27)

- Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible.
- Moses did not endure because he could see the outcome.
- Moses endured because he trusted the God he could not see.
- The believers addressed in Hebrews were discouraged and tempted to drift.
- Moses reminds us that faith continues even when circumstances are unclear.

Key Truth:

Faith does not require us to see everything; faith requires us to trust the One who sees everything.

Snapshot #4 – Faith Trusts God's Provision (Hebrews 11:28)

- God instructed Israel to:
 - Take a lamb
 - Kill the lamb
 - Apply the blood
 - Trust Him
- God did not tell Israel to earn salvation.
- God told Israel to trust His provision.
- The Passover lamb pointed forward to Jesus Christ.
- The blood on the doorposts foreshadowed the blood of Christ on the cross.
- Judgment passed over Israel because of the blood.
- Judgment passes over believers because Christ bore judgment for us.

Key Truth:

Salvation belongs to the Lord.

Snapshot #5 – Faith Walks Forward (Hebrews 11:29)

- The people stood before an impossible situation.
- Pharaoh's army was behind them.
- The Red Sea was before them.
- Yet they crossed by faith.
- The faith of Moses' parents took root in Moses.
- The faith of Moses took root in a nation.
- One generation influenced another.
- One witness influenced another witness.

Key Truth:

A faithful witness has generational impact.

Conclusion

- The purpose of Hebrews is not to make us admire Moses.
- The purpose of Hebrews is to help us admire Christ.
- Moses pointed to a greater Deliverer.
- Moses pointed to a greater Lamb.
- Moses pointed to Jesus.

Father's Day Challenge

- What testimony are we leaving behind?
- Our children are watching.
- Our grandchildren are watching.
- Others are watching.

The greatest thing we leave behind is not success, possessions, or accomplishments.

The greatest thing we leave behind is a witness.

Final Takeaway

Heroes of the faith witness God's faithfulness, trust Christ above every earthly treasure, and pass that testimony on to the next generation.