Faith Looks to Jesus

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- Chp 11 not a moralistic be like these guys but rather a see what their faith was in... the Gospel fulfilled Jesus.
- Abel⁴ the Way of Faith; Enoch⁵ the Walk of Faith; Noah⁷ the Work of Faith; Abraham & Sarah⁸⁻¹⁶ walking & resting in Faith; Isaac Faith in face of Deception; Jacob Faith tested by hard life; Joseph Faith tested by Success

Faith of Moses' Parents 23

- God's bigger plans were unfolding^{Gen15:13-16}; Pharaoh acted in fear
- Amram & Jochebed acted in faith in God's plan not circumstances
- Faith confronts fear by looking to God^{1Jn4:18}, not situation

Faith is a Choice 24-26

- Moses protected by God, raised by mom then Pharaoh^{Ex2:9-10}
- Moses knew his purpose, maybe jumped the gun^{Ex2:11-15}
- Moses chose to be identified with God's people (Christ)
- We often face a similar choice... what will you choose?
- Gospel is clear about the cost^{Lk14:27}
- True faith looks to Christ not the world^{Rm8:18;Heb12:21;Ps27:13}

Faith Needs Endurance 27

- Moses fled because timing wasn't right^{Ex2:14}
- Was Moses 'ahead' of God? Used his own methods?
- We must do God's work using God's way^{Jms1:19-20;Gal5:22-23}
- God graciously gave Moses time^{40years} to learn His ways

Faith is Obedient 28

- 40 years of learning about God... God now calls Moses
- Previously Moses failed to get the people to follow him...
- Now Moses leads by calling people to obey God after demonstration of 9 plagues!
- Moses trusted God even though he was in a precarious position because Moses obeyed in faith^{Jn14:15}
- True faith seeks to obey God knowing we will $\sin^{1\text{Jn}1:8,9}$
- What does your obedient faith look like?
- True Gospel faith rests in Jesus' perfect works and seeks to walk in obedience to enjoy fellowship with God.

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