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**Moses** = faith **winning**

**Abel** taught us about **worshiping** by faith  
**Enoch** showed us **walking** by faith  
**Noah** demonstrated **working** by faith  
**Abraham** pictured faith that was **willing**  
**Sarah** illustrated **waiting** by faith  
**Abraham** instructed us concerning faith that is **well-tried**  
**Moses** exemplifies **winning** by faith

Faith that worships... and walks and works and is willing and has waited and is well-tried **will win**

Faith wins because God wins

- Jesus is the object of our faith—and Jesus has already won! (and is and will)
- Because we are His, and co-heirs with Him, when and where He wins and has won—we also win (that victory is ours)
  - Romans 8:37 (NLT)  
... we are more than conquerors **through Him** who loved us.

There are 3 things we see Moses **winning against by faith** (our victories in Christ are in the same areas)

1. By faith we win against **fear**
2. By faith we win against the **flesh**
3. By faith we win against the **foe**

How does faith help us win?

- We believe certain things, so we do not give in to, or up to, or up on, other things
- Faith = Trust
  - We trust Jesus, and His victory on the Cross, so we do not give into **fear**, or the **flesh**, or the **foe**
    - We trust God's purposes so we do not **fear** present circumstances
    - We trust God's promises so we do not pursue the things of the **flesh**
    - We trust God's power so we do not allow the **foe** to rule over us

### 1. By faith we win against fear

Fear is a tactic of the foe. God does not want us to live in fear, that's for show

- Fear concerning how the enemy works through natural agents
- In context: The king of Egypt and the Caesar of Rome

- The story
  - Exodus 1-2:10 (Moses parents: Amram and Jochebed—Ex. 6:20)
  - They defied the highest power in the land (perhaps world)
  - Stood up to violent injustice
    - Cf. Moses in 2:11-15

We may not have that same sort of fear in America

But we also see in the NT fear from prevailing religious ideas (This we have)

Acts 4:29-31

**29** "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,

**30** while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

**31** And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

- Prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit (By faith)

Fear of peers when it comes to being identified with Jesus

2 Timothy 1:7-10

**7** For God has not given us a **spirit of timidity**, but of power and love and discipline.

**8** Therefore **do not be ashamed** of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

**9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

**10** but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

Cf. Romans 1:16

We live in an anti-christ culture, which is getting worse (open hostility and discrimination)

Fear of people and Satan's backlash through them can arrest your development

- Cf. Hebrews (danger of drifting)

Fear will keep you from entering into the promises of God

- Numbers 13-14 (Kadesh Barnea)
- Fear was/is rooted in unbelief

Verse 27<sup>b</sup>

for he endured, as seeing Him who was unseen (NASB)

He kept right on going **because** he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible (NLT)

- Tenacity did not come naturally to Moses
- **This was a product of faith—it was a reward of faith**
  - Faith that was fixed on God (Hebrews 11:1—**conviction of things not seen**)
  - He knew that God had called him to a purpose and he kept his eyes on God (not the purpose—but on God!)
  - This enabled him to persevere when things did not go the way he expected
  - And it enables us to win against fear
  - 2 Chronicles 12

## 2. By faith we win against the flesh

Verses 24-26

The phrase **the passing pleasures of sin** (v. 25<sup>b</sup>) doesn't just refer to things like lust and gross sins, but also to a way of life apart from God that might even be seen as successful

- The desire of and pursuing after position, possessions, prestige, power, wealth
- Things that are fun for a season... but never satisfy
- And yet our flesh yearns for them
  - VH1 (Behind the Music)

True faith causes a believer to hold the right values and make the right decisions

Verse 26

He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ **than to own the treasures of Egypt**, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. (FAITH—TRUST)

Moses left the palace and never went back to the old way of life

- Chose to be identified with the Jewish slaves
- CF. Hebrews in context and losing property (Hebrews 10:34)
  - **They accepted joyfully knowing they had a better possession**

In our own context, we make these decisions every day

1 John 2:15-17

**15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the **flesh** and the lust of the **eyes** and the boastful **pride of life**, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

**17** The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

- **Passion, possession, position** (Cf. Genesis 3 = **good for food, delight to the eyes, desirable to make one wise**)
- The word used for "love" here indicates: one that directs the will and in which we seek to find joy
- Faith decisions

Autobiographical:

- Moses in the house of Pharaoh (God took him out to take it out to bring him in)
- Me in the family surfboard business
  - "Surely you can use all this influence and these resources God!?"
  - God did not need the things that my flesh did!

### 3. By faith we win against the foe

#### Verses 28-29

##### 1 Peter 5:8-10

**8** Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**9** But resist him, **firm in your faith**, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

**10** After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself **perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you**.

##### 1 John 3:8<sup>b</sup>

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

##### Colossians 2:13-15

**13** When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

**14** having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

**15** When He had **disarmed** the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, **having triumphed over them** through Him.

##### Colossians 1:13-14

**13** For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

**14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

And yet sometimes the enemy doesn't want to let go and pursues us!

##### Exodus 14:9-14; 21-31

- 9-10 (A picture of the enemies endeavor to take you back to Egypt)
- 11-12 (A horrible loss of perspective because of fear overtaking faith)
- 13-14 (A proclamation of faith/trust in the Lord)
- 21-29 (God's provision for and protection of His people)
  - On dry land
- 30-31 (Fear of the enemy turned in to fear of and faith in the Lord)
  - Personal prayer notes in the margin of my Bible

##### Exodus 15:1-3

What are you afraid of? What do you believe God can do about it? (Cf. Desirous, enemy)

- 2 Chronicles 20:12