(Hebrews 11:23-29)

INTRODUCTION

In the text, the phrase "by faith" is found 5 times: (v23, v24, v27, v28, v29). Having "faith" has significance and importance in successful spiritual living.

1. MOSES FOLLOWED THE FAITH OF HIS PARENTS: (v23) "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden 3 months by his parents ... and they were not afraid of the king's command."

The story is told in (Exodus 2:1-10)

Apostle Paul reminds Timothy: (2 Timothy 1:5) "... the genuine faith that is in you, dwelt first in grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also." (2 Timothy 2:14-15) "... from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures ... " (Ephesians 6:4) "Fathers ... bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"

2. MOSES PREFERRED THE PEOPLE OF GOD: (v23-24) "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God ..."

We will be helped or hindered in our spiritual life by those with whom we associate.

(1 Corinthians 15:33) "Be not deceived, evil companions corrupt good morals." (Psalms 119:63 "I am a companion of all who fear You, those who keep Your precepts"

3. MOSES REALIZED SIN'S PLEASURES ARE PASSING: (v25) "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin"

"passing pleasures of sin" - 1) they are short-lived or temporary. 2) they are listed as "perilous times" (2 Tim. 3:1-4). 3) they cause us to be "dead" spiritually while we "live" physically (1 Timothy 5:6). 4) they "choke" us and we "bring no fruit to maturity" (Luke 8:14).

(1 Peter 3:10) "... he who would love life ... let him turn away from evil ... "

4. MOSES HAD PROPER SENSE OF VALUES: (v26) "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt."

(Matthew 19:16-22) "... he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions"

"great possessions" verses "eternal life" - choose wisely and rightly!

5. MOSES DID NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE REWARD: (v26) "for he looked to the reward" and (v27) "he endured as seeing Him who is invisible"