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“The Treasure of Faith”

Hebrews 11:23; Exodus 1-2:10

Big Idea: Treasuring Christ above all emboldens and empowers me to live faithfully for Christ in all

“One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. When he went out the next day, behold, two Hebrews were struggling together. And he said to the man in the wrong, ‘Why do you strike your companion?’ He answered, ‘Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?’ Then Moses was afraid, and thought, ‘Surely the thing is known.’ When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well.”

- Exodus 2:11-15

When Christ is my greatest reward (Hebrews 11:24-27):

- 1) I am emboldened to identify wholeheartedly with Christ (Heb. 11:24-25)
 - a) “When he (Moses) was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand.”
– Acts 7:23-25
 - b) “But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” - John 1:12-13
 - c) “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21
 - d) “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, become like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” - Phil. 3:7-11
- 2) I am empowered to endure suffering for Christ (Heb 11:26-27)
 - a) “Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.” - Acts 5:41
 - b) “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with him.” - Romans 8:17

YOU ARE LOVED