

**Lesson Title:** Lessons of Faith from Moses (Part 2)

**Biblical Texts:** Hebrews 11:23-28; Exodus 3:10-12, 12-14: 4:1-3; 4:10-12; 4:13-16

**Objectives:**

1. Understand Moses' walk of faith.
2. Become aware of assaults on our faith.
3. Strengthen our resistance to things that weaken our faith.
4. Is standing up to God an act of faith or defiance?

**Introduction:**

Moses was indeed a hero of the faith. He was revered by the Jews for his role in leading them out of Egypt. At the mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah were present with Jesus. High praise, indeed. Still, Moses' walk of faith was not without its problems. In his faltering moments and in his difficult moments with God, Moses is a good (but not perfect) example for us to follow.

- I. Moses stands up to God
  - A. So many times, Moses heard God's plan, trusted God, and acted on God's commands.
  - B. In Exodus 32: 7-10, God tells Moses directly of a plan He has to consume Israel for their disobedience. He will destroy them and make His people from the offspring of Moses.
  - C. Moses has a choice.
    1. Choice 1: Trust God, let Him destroy Israel, and become the father of a great nation.
    2. Choice 2: Plead for Israel. Push back on God's stated plan. Argue with God. Try to change God's mind.
  - D. Moses chooses #2.
    1. This fundamentally flies in the face of our understanding of faith.
      - a) God is good – what He chooses to do will be right.
      - b) God is omniscient – He knows how His choices will turn out.
      - c) God is Love – what He has chosen to do will be loving (even if we cannot understand it from our limited knowledge).
  - E. Questions:
    1. Is this an example of faith or lack of faith? Justify your answer.
    2. What does this example tell us about God?
    3. What does this example tell us about what God looks for in us?
    4. What does this example tell us about what God thinks of when mercy and justice are opposed?