



INVESTIGATE

For the background to Hebrews 11:27 read Exodus 2:11-15.
Notice the apparent contradiction in Heb 11:27 and Ex 2:14.
Was Moses afraid when he left Egypt or wasn't he?

- Was fearful self-preservation his ultimate motive in leaving? What does v27 say?
- What do you think it means when it says Moses “persevered” (Heb 11:27)?
- And how is this related to “seeing him who is invisible”?

Note: Moses knew God was real... he knew God had made promises to his people, and so he knew God would act. It was just a matter of when!
Forty years later he would be back to play a key role in God’s faithful deliverance.



THINK IT THROUGH

Are there ways in which you need to persevere in ‘seeing him who is invisible’?

What in particular about this invisible God does Heb 11 encourage you to cling on to?

If time allows: What does v28 reveal about Moses’ faith? What can we learn from him?



PRAY IT THROUGH

“Faith is a hunger for God that triumphs over our hunger for the pleasures of this world. And so faith unleashes radically God-centred, risk-taking, people-loving behaviour.” (John Piper)

- **Praise** God for his awesome promises... and total faithfulness.
- **Confess** any lack of hunger for those promises (for Him!).
- **Ask** Him to work in you what is pleasing to Him.

LIVING BY FAITH

SMALL GROUPS SHEET
WEEK BEGINNING 17 NOVEMBER 2013

2. MOSES – Hebrews 11:23-28

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FOR STARTERS

We've been thinking a lot about *faith* recently. Try and describe the following in your own words:

- *What faith is* (Heb11:1) _____

- *What faith does* (Heb 11:7, 8, 11, 17) _____



BACKGROUND

It's always helpful to have the author's purpose in mind when we study a passage of the Bible. Describe his aim for his original readers (and for us) from the following verses:

- Hebrews 11:35-36
- Hebrews 12:1

The next portrait he uses to inspire us is Moses.

Read Hebrews 11:23-28



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How did Moses' parents demonstrate their faith in God (11:23)?
Why was this so courageous?

Can you think of circumstances where you are fearing others more than you are fearing God? What do we need to remember at those times?



THINK IT THROUGH

Moses' parents risked their lives by not killing their baby. But they did hide the baby. Someone might say, "*If Moses' parents really had faith, they would have entrusted the child's care to God and just walked around the community with their new baby. That would have been real faith.*"

- How would you respond to this statement?
- Can you think of contemporary examples?



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Read verses 24-26 again.

- What three decisions did Moses make?
- What would he have sacrificed and suffered as a result?
- What clues do we have as to what motivated Moses to take such radical steps (v24-26)?

How do the surrounding verses reveal the hidden convictions that inspire acts of faith?

- 10:34 _____
- 11:1 _____
- 11:6 _____
- 11:13-16 (esp. v16) _____



THINK IT THROUGH

What similar decisions do we face day to day? What are the costs / sacrifices?
What, according to Hebrews, is going to help keep us faithful?

Jim Elliot, killed by those he tried to reach with the gospel, put it like this: "He is not fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."