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Moses: Faith and Power

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Sermon Notes:

1. The Gospels are not biographies which tell the story of the life and death of a subject; they are testimonies of the truth of Jesus by witnesses of His earthly ministry. The last chapter of the story of Christ and His saints can never be concluded.
2. The Patriarchs had a faith that looked beyond death, because they knew they were part of a story without end.
3. The faith of the patriarchs was not short term; they were looking forward to the future.
4. Jacob did not receive the promises, but he blessed his descendants who would receive the promise.
5. Many of us are living for the short term; but godly people redeem the time in evil days by looking toward the future.
6. Faith is to act in terms of God's purposes today, realizing big returns in the future.
7. Blessings given in terms of God's purposes cannot fail (Genesis 48:11-21).
8. Jacob leaned on the faith of his fathers in the past, and worshipped in the present by blessing the future.
9. God buries His workmen and carries on His work.
10. Moses was the instrument of deliverance from Egypt and of the giving of the law.
11. In faith Moses' parents recognized God's call and did not obey the state's command to surrender their boy to death.
12. If we see the beauty of God in our children, we will invest in their future, protecting them from the state's control.

13. As a mature man Moses decided to join the people of God.
14. Moses chose affliction and hardship rather than the pleasures of sin because he was looking toward Christ as his reward. Christ is king of the here and now.
15. Faith is not worldliness, but it is triumphant through obedience and sacrifice.
16. Moses was the meekest man and the greatest prophet (Exodus 33:11; Numbers 12:3-8).
17. Moses held fast to faith against all opposition. At times it is sinful to be at peace with evil.
18. Imagine opposing the Pharaoh, and facing opposition from a rebellious Israel.
19. God's truth has never been popular; they murdered the prophets and crucified the Lord of glory.
20. We are called to bless our age, but not to compromise with it.
21. Moses' faith was a specific and practical faith, taking risks and taking action. Moses had to face God at the burning bush; he had to confront Pharaoh; he led rebellious Israel.
22. Today is our day to live by faith, facing our own unique challenges. We are to move into blessing for tomorrow.
23. The list of Hebrews' heroes of faith is never ending.

Application Questions:

1. What were the characteristics of Moses' faith?
2. What is the pathway to triumphant faith?
3. What are some practical ways can we redeem the time in evil times, instead of merely seeking personal comfort?
4. Will we resist the state's command to seize and control our children from early childhood indoctrination?
5. Are we prepared to oppose evil? Or is peace our idol?
6. Am I living and acting in faith anticipating the promised future blessing of the reign of Christ?
7. Are we willing to risk our reputations to oppose sin?