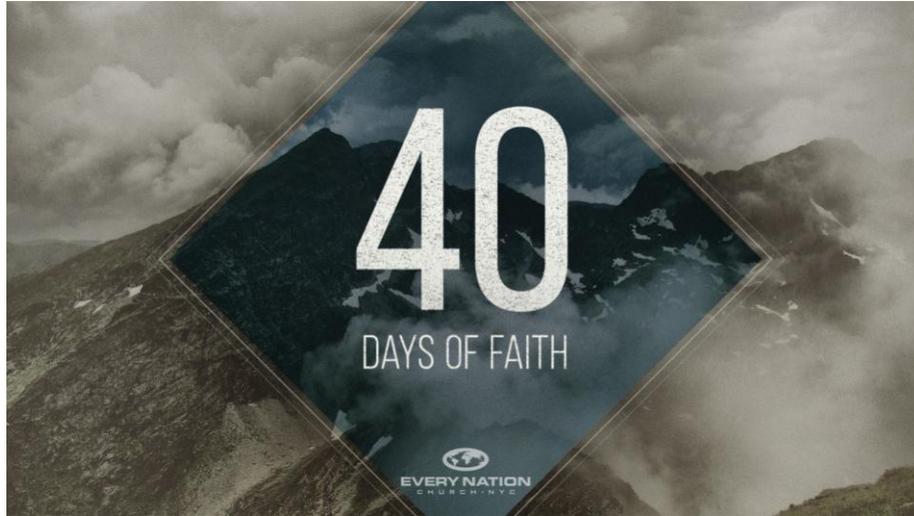


Transforming the City One Life at a Time.



40 Days of Faith

Know God, Grow Together, Discover Purpose, Make a Difference

CONNECT

- What is the most valuable thing you've ever lost? Did you get it back? How did you feel?

WORD

Hebrews 11:23-29

23" By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. 29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned."

THOUGHT

Moses' life began as a journey of faith - his parents' faith when they chose to trust God for the protection of their baby boy. His life continued as a life of faith as God led him step by step to carry out the purpose He had for Moses. (But the enemy [Satan] wants to stop up by bringing up or past failures!) There is pain and despair about the future. This is because we feel upset about the past. This could have been true of Moses. God made him the leader. This was a big responsibility. Moses was unable to accept it. Maybe this was because he did not trust himself. He remembered a terrible event. He had killed an Egyptian man. Then he had buried him in the sand. Our past failures sometimes hold us back. They make us feel that we have no power. But it does not need to be like this. They need not stop us from doing great things for God. As God delivers us... He will call us to back and deliver others.

DISCUSSION

1. What did you learn about the faith from the example of Moses? (Hebrews 11:23-28)

2. What are some areas of strength in Moses' life that you can relate to from this passage?

3. Is there a past sin or failure in your life that you feel would hinder God from using you? What do you need to do to move forward?

4. Do you consider yourself a leader? If so, in what areas do you struggle as a leader? If not, what hinders you from being a leader?

5. How would you know if you were leading in your own strength instead of letting God lead through you?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, as you take time to reflect on what God is calling you to be, think about how much you have changed from the moment you accepted Christ as your savior to now. Are you the same? How will this help you become who you are meant to be? (Remember Moses had to let go of his past self and mistakes in order to become the leader God had destined him to be.)

PRAYER

- Pray, asking God to forgive you of your past mistakes and to help you keep following in the direction and the plan He has for you. Spend time reading about the great men and women throughout the Bible who made the decision to not let their past define their walk with God and pray for the same boldness in you.
- Pray with a friend, helping them to let their past be forgiven and to align themselves with the plans God has for them.