

Moses, The Reluctant Hero

"A Hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

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God gave Hebrews the wonderful list of heroes in chapter 11 to encourage them in the difficult times that they lived and to remind them that God used regular people all throughout history. Moses was a great hero to the Israelites.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

Hebrews 11: 23-29

Moses had so many struggles in his life and especially with his speech. Have you ever pleaded with God like Moses did?
Moses was afraid of all the Lord asked him to do and yet he was obedient anyway. He chose to act in spite of his fear. He felt the fear and did it anyway. God uses people that are fearful and timid and insecure. How might God use you even though you are fearful and timid and insecure?
Even if you feel like you don't fit in with the people God has given you to minister to, that's okay. Moses didn't fit in either. Due to his Hebrew heritage, he was an outsider to the Egyptians with whom he spent all his formative years, and he was also an outsider to the Hebrews because of his royal Egyptian upbringing. God chooses heroes for their hearts. Where in your life are you an outsider? Will you allow God to call you to places where you don't fit in?
Do you ever feel like God is asking you to do too much? How will you respond? Will you allow God to work for you? Will you be an Aaron to someone else?