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“Moses - A Life of Good Choices”

Texts: Hebrews 11:23-29; Numbers 20:1-13

Purpose: To understand the importance that our choices make in the direction and outcome of our lives .

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Hebrews 11:23-29. Consider the verbs used to describe Moses' life. Discuss how difficult it must have been for him, considering his background and upbringing, to make these choices.
2. What do you think was/were the motivating factors that drove him to make these choices? (look carefully at the text).
3. How could Moses have possibly been able to “consider reproach/disgrace for the sake of Christ”?
4. Discuss how difficult it must have been for Moses to go from the palace to the desert and life as a simple shepherd.
5. Discuss the fears and potential fears Moses had when God asked him to go back to Egypt to bring the Israelites out. How was he able to survive? (hint: Heb. 11:27)
6. Regarding Moses' unwise choice in Numbers 20, can you relate to his sin? How have you done similarly?
7. Why was God's penalty (not being able to enter the Promised Land) so great for such a “simple” sin?
8. Why did God even continue to bless Moses after his great sin? Any lessons for us?

Children's questions:

1. Do you remember what Moses' sister did after his mom put him in the papyrus basket? Why was what she did a very important part in the whole story of Moses? What does this say about the importance of what you can do to serve God?
2. What things did Moses do that were pleasing to God? Do you think it was hard for him at times to do these things? Why or why not?
3. God called Moses “my servant.” How did God use Moses as a servant? What did God give us through Moses?
4. When Moses struck the rock (Numbers 20) why was it so bad that God punished him?
5. What can you learn from Moses' life?