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Structure of Hebrews 11:8-31

- 1) Abraham and the Patriarchs (v.8-22) – seven examples of faith (four related to Abraham)
- 2) Moses and the Conquest (v.23-31) – seven examples of faith (four related to Moses)

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Hebrews 11:23-28

²³ 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. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

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Hebrews 11:23-28

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

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Faith in the Face of Opposition

1. The Hiding of Moses – a fearless faith
 - Moses' parents "saw" by faith God's purpose, and trusted His "unseen" power and promise
 - Moses' parents did not give in to fear, but by faith were courageous in the face of opposition

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- Lessons:
- trust in the promises and power of God frees us from fear and enables risk-taking love
 - courageous faith acts prudently in the face of opposition, yet without ultimate fear

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2. The Choosing by Moses – a costly faith

A. A Deliberate Choice

- Moses made a definitive rejection of Egyptian privilege and identity (the unbelieving world)

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B. A Costly Choice

- Moses chose to identify with God's people in their suffering rather than enjoy the temporary advantage of Egypt

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C. A Reasonable Choice

- Moses reckoned that the reproach of Christ was vastly superior to all that Egypt had to offer
- Moses made and continued in this decision by constantly looking toward the reward

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¹²Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come. (Heb. 13:12-14)

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