Choosing What Is Better
Hebrews 11:23-27
October 25, 2009

Last week we did a group project to generate ideas for parents to help them form faith in their children. Read the comments from other group and discuss your thoughts. http://www.kurttrucksess.com/familyblog/files/transformingfaith.html

Questions on the sermon
(Don’t feel you must complete every question. Use the questions appropriate for your group)

1. While we focused on the faith of Moses, that faith began with his biological mother and father! Read Hebrews 10:23. What do you think Moses’ mother taught him about the risks and benefits of taking steps of radical faith for God? How did their family life model radical faith? How did God reward them?

2. As a potential heir to the throne, Moses could have made a good argument for staying in the palace to use his influence in Pharaoh’s court, rather than renouncing his Egyptian citizenship and becoming a member of a depressed group with no rights. Why did Moses not choose that path? Would it have been sinful for Moses to stay in the palace? Why? (Does this teach us that some choices are sinful for one individual and not for another?)

3. Moses lived with his eyes on Christ and in faith looked forward to his eternal reward. If we live for an eternal reward how could it change what we are currently doing with our life?

4. Pastor Kurt said sin is always pleasurable in the short run, but it bites with the ferocity and venom of a snake in the end, and it won’t let go! Share from your life how you discovered the venom and ferocity of sin and the difficulty of getting it out of life. Sin is deceptive. How does this change the way you counsel friends who consider sinful choices?
5. Pastor Kurt said, “Faith is choosing a better pleasure.” What does he mean? Do you agree with him?

6. If the sky was the limit, what would you do today to live for better pleasure? Why not do it? If you could switch places with Henry Martyn, would you?

**BONUS FOR SCHOLARS**

By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. Hebrews 10:27

He answered, “Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?” Then Moses was afraid, and thought, “Surely the thing is known.” When Pharaoh heard of it, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian. And he sat down by a well. Exodus 2:14-15

The Exodus account has Moses running away because he was afraid, the Hebrews account says Moses was not afraid when he ran away. How do you reconcile these two accounts?