

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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SERMON SERIES

The Power of the Plus Factor What It Is, and Why You Need It

SERMON FOR TODAY:

“A Basket Case”

**Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3; 23-31
(New Revised Standard Version)**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible...

23 By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. **24** By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, **25** choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

26 He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. **27** By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. **28** By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling 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 if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. **30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. **31** By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Sermon Notes

The author of Hebrews shines the light on the portrait of Moses in today's scripture. Often when we are at our lowest point – God comes to us, to rescue and redeem. The story of Moses demonstrates that even when we feel like a “basket case” ...

1. We Can _____ Intimate _____ With God.
“God does not have favorites, but God does have intimates.”
– E. Stanley Jones

2. We Can _____ Intense _____ With God.
“Faith is an act of a finite being who is grasped by, and turned to, the Infinite.” – Paul Tillich

3. We Can _____ An Incredible _____ With God.
“Faith is the belief that a loving God cares for us, even in the face of all terrible odds.” – Georgia Harness

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