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- 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.
- 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."

Moses, a shepherd, stood before Pharaoh and ordered the powerful ruler to release the people of Israel from slavery. The confrontation must have seemed a ridiculous spectacle, even to the slaves Moses had been sent to rescue. But after 10 plagues and many dealings with the Egyptian leader, Moses brought the country to its knees with a shepherd's staff and his faith in God.

Choosing to walk by faith instead of living on the basis of feelings, opinions, and logic often means being misunderstood. Our actions may appear unreasonable to the outside world (and sometimes even to ourselves), but what could be more reasonable than allowing our omnipotent God to guide us? When we, like Moses, find our talents and abilities are no match for the task at hand, God's power will accomplish through us what needs to be done. (See <u>2 Corinthians 12:9.</u>)

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⁹ "And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

The Lord isn't always "reasonable" as we interpret reason, but He works out our circumstances through our obedient actions. We can be confident that He who used a shepherd to challenge a pharaoh is trustworthy.

Living by faith requires releasing our human sense of what is best and reasonable in order to rely wholly on God—it involves obeying when the Lord tells us that we are to speak or act. God wants us to trust that He has a plan for our life and is constantly directing circumstances and maneuvering people to ensure that His purpose is achieved.

Whatever the challenge, you can be successful by choosing to depend entirely upon the Father. He will stand you up before your own personal Egypt and make you victorious.