

No Ordinary Child

"(v.23) By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

(v.24) By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. (v.25) He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

(v.26) He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

(v.27) By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. (v.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.

(v.29) By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

(v.30) By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days.

(v.31) By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient."

Hebrews 11:23-31
(NIV)

The Ministry of Parents:

❖ Protection—"they hid him for 3 months"

From what should you protect your child?

- ✓ **Predators**
- ✓ Unhealthy habits
- ✓ Destructive Relationships

❖ Study—"because they saw he was no ordinary child"

As you watch your child in action—what do you see?

- ✓ **Listen**
- ✓ Observe
- ✓ **Cherish**
- ✓ respect
- ✓ model
- ✓ build your relationship
- ✓ what is your child's learning style?
- ✓ spend time with him/her
- ✓ teach life skills
- ✓ **Encourage** them spiritually, mentally, physically, relationally.

You can describe the above observations and actions in a single word: **love!**

❖ Have No Fear!—"they were not afraid of the king's edict."

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The number of times "do not fear" appears in the Bible.

FEAR—makes us prisoners within ourselves.

-it makes life a chore.

-It disables and cripples our relationships with others.

-It is true→ some fears are useful, but many more are useless and debilitating.

- ✓ Are there any fears that hinder the progress of your marriage or family?
 - the fear of trusting?
 - the fear of rejection?
 - the fear of being embarrassed?
 - the fear of failure?
 - The irony is that people seem to be driven by fear instead of hope.
 - They allow the fears of life to control them and dictate their responses.

GOOD NEWS: Take your fears to **God!**

Pray for understanding of and courage to face them.

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather your children from east and west, north and south."—Isaiah 43:5

"God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love and self-discipline"

II Timothy 1:7

Of whom are you afraid?