Message: "Moses-Journey Toward The Heart of God Week 2: The Power of Perseverance" Scripture: Hebrews 11:23-28 (NRSV)

"By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw the child was beautiful. They were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith, Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. By faith he left Egypt unafraid of the king's anger, for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood so that the destroyer of the first born would not touch the first born of Israel." Hebrews 11:23-28

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith. Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

"The people believed; and when they had heard the Lord had given heed to the Israelites, that he'd seen their misery, they bowed down and worshipped." Exodus 4:31

"Afterward, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go so they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.'" Exodus 5:1

"Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.'" Exodus 5:2

"Then they said, 'The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us. Let us go three days' journey into wilderness to sacrifice to Lord our God or he will fall on us with pestilence or sword.'" Exodus 5:3

"...You have brought us into bad odor with Pharaoh and his officials..." Exodus 5:21

"Moses turned again to the Lord. Why have you done this?" Exodus 5:22

"Moses, now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. By a mighty hand he will let the people go. By a mighty hand he will drive them out of the land." Exodus 6:1

## TWO THINGS YOU MUST DO TO FINISH THE RACE, TO PERSEVERE

## 1. PERSIST IN PRAYER

Luke 18:1-8

Luke 11:5-8

## 2. PERSIST WITH OTHERS

"Therefore since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses...." Hebrews 12:1