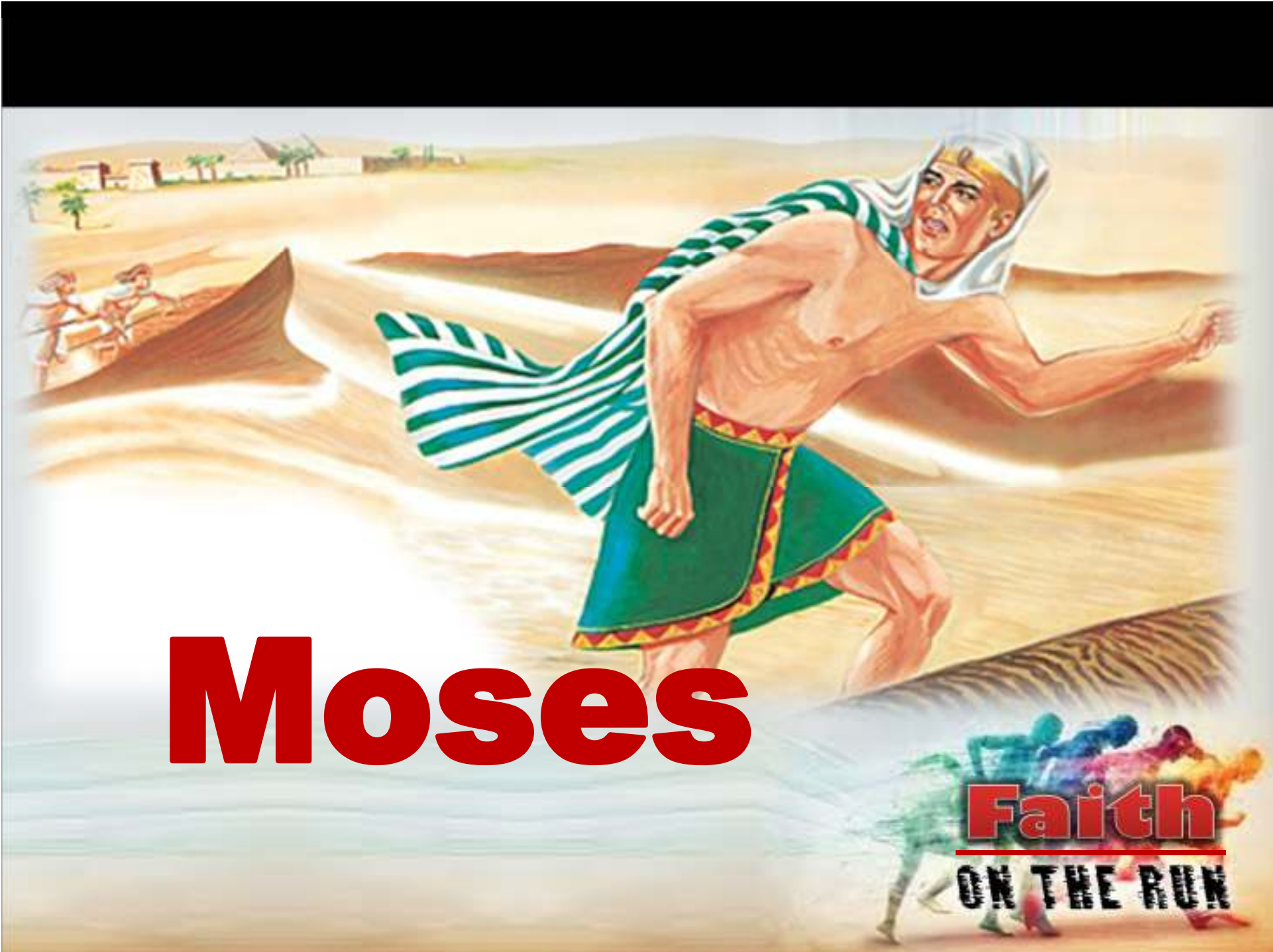


A group of people in colorful athletic gear (green, blue, pink, orange) are running on a track. The word "Faith" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below the word "Faith" is a horizontal red line, and below that is the text "ON THE RUN" in a black, distressed, stencil-like font.

Faith

ON THE RUN



Moses

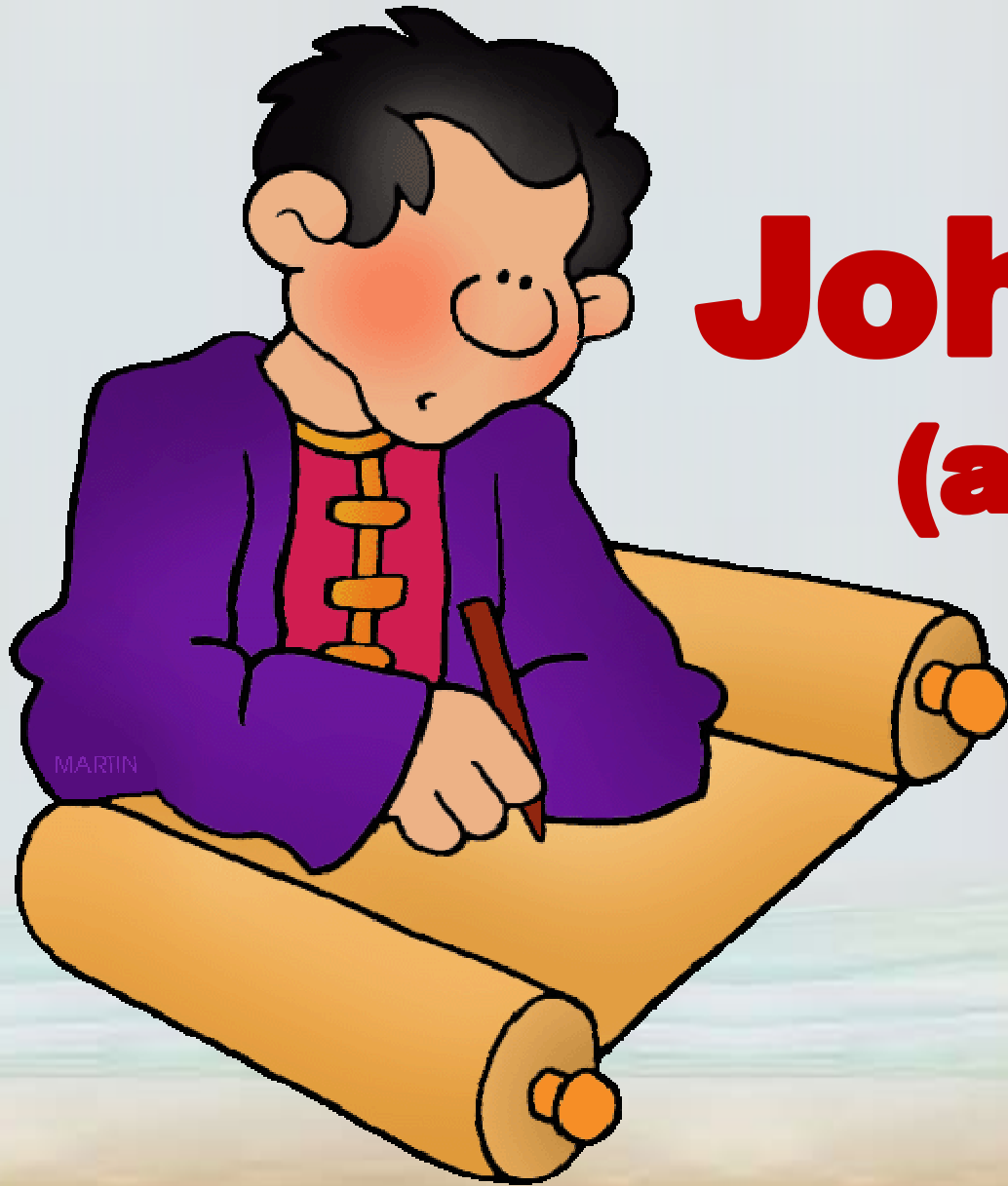
Faith

ON THE RUN



Jonah

Faith
ON THE RUN



John Mark

(aka Mark)

MARTIN



Four Lives...Five Questions!

Who are they?

Why did they run?

How did God Pursue them?

How did He “restore” them?

How did God use them?



Onesimus



Philemon

1:1-13



Who is He?

He is a slave (v. 15-16)

He was considered property

**He was owned by another man
(Philemon)**

**We have something in
common with him**

John 8:34 Romans 7:14



Why did he run?

He was not a very good slave (v. 11)

**Perhaps he was a thief or had
damaged property (v. 18)**

The obvious answer is freedom

Our Parallel



Our Parallel

Romans 6:16

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?



Our Parallel

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.



Our Parallel

John 8:32

**Then you will know the truth, and
the truth will set you free.**

**So like Forrest and Onesimus we
spend our live running, looking
for this truth that will
ultimately set us free**



How did God call him back?

**Some how Onesimus to Slave
crossed paths with Paul the Prisoner**

**Paul had a previous relationship with
Onesimus' owner Philemon (v. 19-21)**

**God used Paul's ministry
to connect with
Onesimus' life**



**Has God ever
done that
for you?**



How did God restore him?

He's not going back a slave (v. 17)

He going back a "relative" (v. 15-16)

He's going back free

**That's our
story also...**



How does God restore us?

Romans 7:25

Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.



How does God restore us?

Galatians 4:7

So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.



How does God restore us?

Romans 6:22

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.



You Are Free!

**God did not set you free from sin
so you could keep living in it
(Romans 6:17)**

**He set you free so you could to
become a useful asset to the
kingdom (Romans 6:18)**



How did God use him going forward?

**He ministered to Paul in Prison
(v. 12-13)**

**He went from Onesimus the
slave to Onesimus
the missionary
(Colossians 4:9)**



Stop Running...

What's My
Destiny?

