

PRAYER

- Thank God that He has made you His child through Jesus Christ. Thank Him for the purpose He has for you and for the faith and strength to pursue this.
- Ask God to help you overcome the pressures of this world with the full assurance that He is with you. Pray that you will always respond in faith and not in fear.
- Pray that as you act out your faith every day, your family and friends will be encouraged to also choose God and His purpose over the cares and riches of the world.

NOTES



Moses

WEEK 5

WARM-UP

- What is your favorite thing in the whole world? Why?
- For you, what makes a comfortable life?
- What were you known for when you were young?

WORD *By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.*

HEBREWS 11:27

The author of Hebrews commended Moses for his faith because he was the leader God used to bring His people out of slavery in Egypt. However, Moses's life did not start this way. He had been a prince in Pharaoh's household, used to privilege and pleasure. But he had to trade his comfortable life for God's true purpose for him. Like Moses, here are three choices we can make out of great faith.

1 | Choose God's call.

²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

HEBREWS 11:24,25

Though Moses grew up in Pharaoh's home, he was a Hebrew, one of God's chosen people. In the eyes of the world, his life was perfect—he was wealthy, he had everything he needed, and he could do whatever he wanted. He left all of these behind to answer God's call for his life, which was to help deliver the Israelites out of Egypt, their land of slavery. Moses left temporary comfort for God's eternal purpose. Was there a time when you had to choose what was less comfortable to pursue God and His purpose for you?

2 | Choose God's reward.

He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. **HEBREWS 11:26**

Moses chose God's reward, rejecting the wealth of the world. However, this was not an instant reward. Moses sacrificed his status, riches, and comfort by faith for the greater reward in Christ, who had not yet come at that time. We may be tempted by the riches of the world to compromise our relationship with God and His purpose for our lives, but we must respond in faith, looking to our hope and future reward in Christ. What does Jeremiah 29:11 say about God's plan for us?

3 | Choose God.

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Ultimately, Moses chose God, in faith that He would save His people. Moses obeyed God, though reluctantly at first, because he saw that God would pave the way for them to be saved. He chose to believe the mighty God who is invisible rather than fear the angry king who was threatening them. Because Moses obeyed in faith, God's faithfulness became more evident to His people. We sometimes succumb to the pressures of the world, but we must endure, remembering that God is faithful. What does Matthew 24:13 say about those who endure?

APPLICATION

- Are you confident in your identity as a child of God? Have you let go of the identities the world has been branding you with? Pray with someone today to help you claim your identity and purpose in God.
- What do you think are the obstacles in your life that hinder you from fully living out your faith in God? What is one step you can take to remove these hindrances this week?
- Who are you helping in their walk with God? How can you encourage him or her with what you've learned today to choose God despite the pressures of this world?