

Hebrews 11:20-29, Bible Devotions

☐ **Mon - Choosing a Better Heritage by Faith.**

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“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God” (Heb. 11:24-25). There is an old saying that goes, “You can choose your friends, but you’re stuck with your family.” While that may be true in an earthly sense, it is not true in spiritual matters. Moses chose to identify himself with the family of God, rather than Pharaoh’s household. This was Moses’ conviction: “I am a child of God” (Rom. 8:16-17; 1 John 3:1-2), and “I belong to the family of God (Eph. 2:19; Phil. 3:20). Where does your allegiance lie?

Read Matthew 19:29

☐ **Tue - Turning Down a Great Job by Faith.**

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“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God” (Heb. 11:24-25). Moses “refused” a lucrative career to be with God’s people. From a business perspective, staying in Egypt clearly would have been the best career move. Moses was in line for the throne and he might have become pharaoh. But not every job is right for the Christian, and not every promotion or career opportunity is the right choice for the man or woman of God. Job opportunities that take us away from family, fellowship, and regular participation in our local church might bring greater wealth, but at what cost? “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and turmoil with it” (Prov. 15:16). As Christian business men and women, let us reserve the right to turn down even lucrative job opportunities, if necessary, in our search for the best spiritual opportunity for ourselves and our families. Read Palm 37:16; Matthew 6:24

☐ **Wed - Seeking the Highest Pleasure by Faith.**

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By faith Moses chose “to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin” (Heb. 11:24-25). God’s Word does not deny that sin can be pleasurable. But what Scripture reminds us here is of the “*passing pleasures of sin*” (Heb. 11:25), and earlier, of the “*deceitfulness of sin*” (Heb. 3:13). God created man to feel pleasure, but lasting pleasure is found only in Him. The devil seeks to short-circuit God’s plan by offering immediate gratification. Nevertheless, by denying ourselves of the *passing pleasures* of sin (Matt. 16:24), we lay hold of the promise of the *eternal pleasures* of God (Psa. 16:11).

Read Psalm 16:11, 36:8, 46:4

☐ **Thu - Looking for Greater Riches by Faith.**

Hebrews 11:26

Moses considered “the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward” (Heb. 11:26). God’s rewards are greater than the greatest treasures of all the nations, both in duration and magnitude. For they will be eternally enjoyed and they are beyond all comprehension. Read Romans 8:18; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 2 Corinthians 4:17

☐ **Fri - Accepting Overwhelming Situations by Faith.**

Hebrews 11:29

“By faith [Israel] passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned” (Heb. 11:29). Israel was trapped against the Red Sea with no way of escape and God had deliberately led them there (Ex. 13:18, 13:21-14:2). Over and over again in the Bible we see God leading His people into overwhelming situations, and He is doing the same thing today: [1] to teach His people to trust more fully in Him, and [2] to turn our whine into worship.

Read Exodus 14:10-12, 14:31, Exodus chapter 15