

Series: The Life of Moses

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“Life’s Decisions”

**Text:** Hebrews 11: 24-29

**Intro:** Well It has been quite a journey with Moses. We have been examining his life since the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January. We have been with him through the ups and downs, and we really walked with him through the Red Sea experience. What a special, special man. Not a perfect man, but certainly a Godly man. It would be hard for us to truly appreciate the man Moses without taking a good look at what he gave up, and the crucial decisions he made that would chart the path of his life.

You can travel all of Egypt and you will not see monuments to Moses. No impressive pyramid, no carving, nothing. Where are the monuments to Moses? Well we find it here in our text today. God wanted us to know what made Moses so special to Him. Not to Egypt but to Him.

Moses made the decision that he did not want his name to be great in Egypt. Let’s take a look at those 3 crucial decisions he made.

**1) He Decided to Refuse (v. 24)**

- a. Moses had it all as a young man. He was “the man”
- b. More money than he could ever spend, fame, looks, women, education, etc..
- c. When he had “grown up”, literally means “having become great” he made a decision.
- d. When Moses was a young man and he came to the first big fork in the road, he had to make a choice. To stay Egyptian and all that that meant, or walk out on faith .
- e. We see his refusal to be like Egypt. He choses a different son-ship if you will.
- f. Like Daniel who would not eat the King’s food, or live the King’s lifestyle, but rather chose a different King to live under.
- g. Moses was a man of integrity. This word has “grit” in it. It takes grit to refuse to be like the world.
- h. **Look at the word choose in verse 25.** It comes from a Greek term that means “to take for oneself a position”. Moses came to pivotal point in his life and he had to choose.
- i. Like Joshua in Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
- j. Like Elijah standing alone on Mount Carmel. He declared to the people that you must make a choice. If it is Baal then follow him, if it is the Lord God then follow him.
- k. **Part of the reason we do not make right choices is because we have not taken a position for ourselves on the priority principles of life. We have not decided where we stand on matters of character, morality, values, godliness, and commitment to Christ.**
- l. **Swindoll, Charles R.. Great Lives: Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication (Great Lives Series) (p. 356). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.**
- m. Moses did not waiver he chose. **Look at verse 25.**

- n. Swindoll: Don't think for a moment that the Bible is simply embellishing the text when it talks about "enjoying the pleasures of sin." The pleasures of sin are always more enjoyable than a walk of righteousness, at first. Your heart beats faster when you're near the sin. It is voluptuous and seductive, it feeds the flesh, and it makes you feel good. Don't let anybody ever tell you that it doesn't. It brings a burst of satisfaction, for awhile
- o. Sure Egypt had an attraction and it offered pleasure but it would not last.
- p. How could Moses do this? How could he have turned it all down.
- q. **Look at verse 26**
- r. Esteemed or considered. It means "to think beforehand". Moses counted the cost, and chose the reward that God would offer to people of faith.
- s. He refused to Sustain the sinful. Talk about sustain in music. Looks like a birds eye. The conductor can hold it out as long as he wants.
- t. If you play around with pleasure long enough you will lose focus.
- u. Moses is forgotten in Egypt and greatly honored in heaven. What about you?

## 2) He decided to Leave (v. 27)

- a. Moses was a focus man. His eyes are fixed.
- b. He would leave the familiar, and walk by faith.
- c. He would leave everything he has ever known for thing he had no idea about.
- d. Are you too comfortable to leave? To walk by faith.
- e. Where is our focus.
- f. The Amplified Versions says. He never flinched but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as on who gazed on Him who is invisible.
- g. **Read lyrics to "Fix My Eyes"**
- h. We are trained to focus on the familiar, and look at our stuff, and live for here and that is so wrong.
- i. Where is God trying to move you, and why will you not go?
- j. Maybe God has an Exodus in mind for you but Egypt is too comfortable.

## 3) He decided to Obey (v.28)

- a. He made the decision that He would obey God no matter how unusual the request was.
- b. Think about all the things God told him to do that had never been done before.
- c. Think about the sprinkling of the blood on the doorposts, and all the people with their shoes on and ready to go.
- d. This had never been asked of before and, yet he did it.
- e. Like Noah with the Ark when there had never been rain.
- f. Like Abraham and Sarah who left home looking for a city.
- g. God longs for us to trust and obey.

Will you invest your life for eternity today? Will we make the choices that Moses made?

