



Topic:

LEARNING FROM MOSES

Bible Text: Hebrews 11:24

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Prayers

Dear Father we thank You for bringing us to Your presence again. We pray that you'd teach us in a language that we will all understand in Jesus Christ name.

Study

Hebrews 11:24 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Moses refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter." The life of Moses reveals four (4) issues you must come to grips with in order to succeed in life. Don't forget these principles or guides or leads

1. You must know who you are. Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Why did he refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter? Moses who was born a Hebrew, but he was raised as an Egyptian by Pharaoh's daughter. Even though he was being groomed to be second-in-command in Pharaoh's kingdom, Moses knew God had called him to free his people and lead them out of Egypt. What has God called you to do as Moses?

Hope someone is following me?

So, he had to make a choice: "What am I going to do with my life? I'm not who these

people think I am.” Moses had every comfort he could wish for in the palace, and he could have stayed there. Moses was not even after the comfort in the house of Pharaoh, but the comfort of God's people.

What would you have done?

Moses made the right decision, but it meant spending the next eighty years of his life in the desert. The decision was a tough one, but he made the right one. I love this Moses so much. Every one of us must also come to grips with our identity. We all have a deep need and desire to accept who we are. We must not hide our identity as true light of His kingdom for expansion and explosion like Moses. Trying to be who we are not is a quick way to get an ulcer, because it puts us under so much pressure. Moses recognized this tension, and decided to quit pretending. It's liberating when we stop trying to be somebody we are not, and accept God's plan for our life. For us to succeed like Moses, we must accept purpose and plans for our lives my dearest brothers and sisters in the Lord.

How would we remember Moses today if he had stayed in Pharaoh's court?

Someone should sincerely answer the above question. Maybe as an Egyptian mummy in some museum or maybe not at all. But he made the hard decision, and in the light of eternity it was the best one. We must learn from him to succeed in this kingdom. Someone should please read for us Hebrews 11:25 - "**choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, "He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God."** That leads us to the Second principle of learning from Moses to succeed in His kingdom business.

2. You must take responsibility for your life.

Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Don't forget this. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin" (vv. 24-25 NIV). Note this please. First, Moses refused to be anyone but himself. Next, he chose to go God's way. The principle here is that you can always replace a negative with a positive. For us to succeed as true Christians, we must carry the bag of positivity at all times. You don't just stop doing something, but you start doing something else. I love this Moses so much. The Christian life is not a matter of negative rules and regulations. It is a matter of relationships with our true God, with other people, and with yourself.

Note this important point: Moses made his decision "when he had grown up." It is a mark of maturity when you can settle the issue of personal responsibility. When Moses was a baby, it was okay to postpone the decision about who he was. But when he became an adult he had to make a choice, assume responsibility for his own life, and move ahead. It is a must. It's always easy to blame others: "I'd go God's way if my boyfriend or girlfriend, mother or father, husband or wife, would do it too." Or, "I'd be a better person today if I had better parents." You can't choose all the circumstances that

come into your life, but you can choose whether those things will make you a bitter person or a better person.

Note this please.

Ultimately no one can ruin your life except you! The Devil can't, because he doesn't have enough power and God won't, because He loves you. So choose to go God's way!

God loves you so much!

Do you want to succeed in life through Him like Moses did?

Can someone please read for us. Hebrews 11:26 KJV **Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.** This takes us to third principle of learning from Moses to succeed as true Christians. He was looking ahead to his reward."

3: You must determine your priorities my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord

"He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." Are you for earthly reward or heavenly sure reward? May we all get this heavenly reward after our race on earth. Much of the world's wealth during that time was stored in Egypt. So Moses already had what most people spend their lives trying to get: popularity, pleasure, and possessions.

Note this please. Yet God asked him to do something that was more important than all the wealth as at then and he did it. It was a matter of priorities. What are our priorities today? Moses could easily have rationalized, "The slave situation is bad, so I'll stay in the system and work for reform."

Did he rationalize? Most of us want to be liked, but there's one big problem with popularity, It never lasts. You can be the big shot on campus for a while, but when you return a few years after graduation, you'll likely find that nobody thinks you're special anymore. But God's popularity is the ultimate. Then there's pleasure. Is pleasure wrong? It isn't wrong unless it's sinful. Then there are possessions, and there's nothing wrong with material success. Some of the greatest people in the Bible were extremely wealthy, including Abraham and Solomon. But Jesus said, **"Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions"** (Lk 12:15 NIV). Ultimately wealth doesn't bring happiness. Ask the people who have it, "How much money does it take to be happy?" Answer: "Just a little bit more!" Money is to be used not loved! God wants us to use things and love people. But if we love things we'll end up using people. Moses had his priorities right; he devalued material things because there was something more important in his life namely, God's will!

We must allow God's will be be done in our lives. Someone should help us with this

please Hebrews 11:27 NIV "By faith, he persevered because he saw him who is invisible." This brings us to point 4 which is the last point.

4: You must persevere when life gets difficult.

You could sum up the life of Moses in these two words: "He persevered." It's a fact of life that there's no gain without pain, no advancement without adversity, and no progress without problems. God will always clear our difficult ways for us to succeed. Moses understood that difficulties come into every life, and he knew how to respond to them correctly and move on. And we must learn to do that too. As followers of Christ, we should never let problems defeat us; instead, we should let them draw us closer to God. Someone has said that we should never let problems get us down except down on our knees to pray! God allows specific situations in our lives to bring growth. And without perseverance we won't get very far. Notice the words "By faith, he persevered."

Faith in what? Faith in whom? Faith in God! We're not talking here about some flesh based form of self-help. No, we're talking about the fact that when God calls you to do a job, He equips and empowers you. He goes ahead of you and provides everything you need. When you say yes to His plan for your life, you can stand on this promise: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28 NIV). So you must

(a) Know who you are;

(b) Take responsibility for your life;

(c) Determine your priorities; and

(d) Persevere when life gets difficult. If you abide by these four Bible truths, you will live a life that is truly blessed by God.

May Almighty bless His words in our hearts like the heart of Moses that was on fire for Him.

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