



CHOOSING YOUR FUTURE

Getting Ready For the Rest of Your Life – Part 1

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TO RESOLVE: to decide, settle, determine, purpose
RESOLUTION: a firm determination to do something

MOSES' 4 LIFE-SHAPING CHOICES

HEBREWS 11:23-27

1. **I REFUSE TO BE DEFINED BY OTHERS.**

"By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter." Heb. 11:24 (NIV)

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good..." Rom. 12:2 (Ph)

"Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts." 1 Thes. 2:4 (NLT)

"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

2. **I CHOOSE SHORT TERM PAIN FOR LONG TERM GAIN.**

"Moses chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time." Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)

"We can have joy in our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope." Romans 5:3-4 (NCV)

"These present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever!" 2 Cor. 4:17 (NLT)

3. **I CHOOSE GOD'S VALUES, NOT THE WORLD'S**

"Moses regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." Heb. 11:26 (NIV)

WHAT THE WORLD VALUES

- Popularity (Prestige & Power) vs. 24
- Pleasure "*the pleasures of sin*" vs. 25
- Possessions "*the treasures of Egypt*" vs. 26

"The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but those who do the will of God live forever." 1 John 2:17 (TEV)

WHAT GOD VALUES

- **GOD'S PURPOSE** is more valuable than popularity vs. 24
- **PEOPLE** are more valuable than pleasure vs. 25
- **PEACE OF MIND** is more valuable than possessions vs. 26

4. **I CHOOSE TO LIVE BY FAITH RATHER THAN BY FEAR.**

"By faith, Moses left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible." Heb. 11:27 (NIV)

HOW DO I KEEP MY RESOLUTIONS?

➤ **GET SUPPORT**

"Let us be concerned for one another, and help one another show love and do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage each other..." Heb. 10:24-25 (TEV)

➤ **ASK AND EXPECT GOD TO HELP**

*"Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be dismayed. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will triumph!"
Isaiah 50:7 (NLT)*