

CHOOSING HEALTHY VALUES

Choices that Change Your Life – Part 1

Deuteronomy 30:15-19 & Hebrews 11:23-27
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"Today I AM GIVING YOU A CHOICE. You can choose life and success or death and disaster. I am commanding you to love the Lord your God, to live the way he has told you, and to obey his laws and teachings. You are about to cross the Jordan River and take the land he is giving you. IF you obey him, you will live and become successful and powerful." – Deut. 30:15-16 CEV

"But if you disobey and refuse to listen, and are led away to worship other gods, you will be destroyed. You will not live long in that land across the Jordan that you are about to occupy. I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing or curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. CHOOSE LIFE!" – Deut. 30:17-19 TEV

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, REFUSED to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He CHOSE to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. 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. By faith he left Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he PERSEVERED because he saw him who is invisible. – Heb. 11:23-27

3 LIFE-CHANGING CHOICES MODELED BY MOSES:

1. Choose not to have your identity defined by others.

- God did not create you to be what someone else wants you to be.

By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. – Hebrews 11:24

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 alone examines the motives of our hearts. – 1 Thess. 2:4 NLT

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for your good, plans to prosper you and not harm you. They are plans to give you a hope and a future." – Jer. 29:11

- Real success is being who God made you to be.

2. Choose short-term pain for long-term gain.

Moses CHOSE to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. – Hebrews 11:25

Two Things to Remember When Life Hurts:

- God will use my pain to help me grow.

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

- God will reward me in heaven.

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. Choose to live by faith, not by fear!

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

No one can please God by simply obeying the Law. Sowe put our faith in Christ Jesus, and God accepted us because of our faith. – Galatians 2:16 CEV

WEEKLY READING PLAN:

Jan. 13 – Psalm 7

Jan. 14 – Matt. 10

Jan. 15 – Matt. 11

Jan. 16 – Matt. 12

Jan. 17 – Matt. 13

Jan. 18 – Matt. 14

Jan. 19 – Psalms 8-9

Jan. 20 – Psalm 10