

September 9th Sermon

Series: FAILURE – Back Door to Success

Today's Talk: Tough, Wise Choices

- ◆ Moses, the Prince of Egypt— thought he was a _____ - learned he was a nobody— and discovered what God could do with a _____.

3 Life-Changing Choices:

Choice #1: Refusing The Corrupt _____.

Hebrews 11:24, 25 "By faith, Moses... refused to be known as the son of Pharaohs' daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time."

James 4:4 "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

Four Truths:

1. As the world befriends you—it _____ you from God; God becomes very unwelcome.
2. You must choose to defriend the world (Egypt) in order to _____ the Lord.
3. Love of the world _____ out love to God, the Father.
4. The pleasures of sin are _____ more enjoyable than following God—_____.

The World's Choices: to _____, to _____, to _____.

Hebrews 11:26 "He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasure of Egypt..."

"**Regarded**" - to think _____.

Choice #2: Leaving the _____.

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

- ◆ Moses had chosen not to be fixed on "the world", but to be _____ on God himself.
- ◆ This was a tough choice, a _____ of faith—that God would _____ his decision.

Hebrews 11:26 "He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value... because he was looking ahead to big reward."

Choice #3: FOLLOWING GOD — No Matter What.

Hebrews 11:28 "By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel."

Three Critical Crossroads:

1. **To have discernment:** Faith in God must _____ my feelings.
2. **To have determination:** Faith in God must be my _____.
3. **To have the discipline:** Faith in God must _____ the critics.

Moses, A Failure _____ But Not There:

⇒ There is _____ monument, sphinx, or impressive pyramid for Moses — but Moses is greatly honored in _____.