



MESSAGE NOTES

I'd Rather Have Jesus

Hebrews 11:24-27

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Hebrews 11:24-27 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 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. 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

1. Not seeking this world's honor

Egypt was the most powerful, prosperous country in the world and Moses was a member of its royal family. But Moses chose to reject all this, all the honor in the world, to identify himself as a member of God's family. How about us? How often do we choose to identify ourselves as Christians no matter what other people will think? Everyone wants to be accepted by the people around them, but when you put this acceptance and approval from other people above God's approval that's when it becomes a problem.

2. Becoming one with God's family

God's family for Moses was the Old Testament Israelites but God's family for us is other believers in Christ. When you accept Jesus and choose to follow Him you are also accepting every other believer in Christ as a member of your family. So just like you don't get to choose your physical family you also don't get to choose your spiritual family. Every other believer in Christ is your brother or sister and you need to accept them as this no matter how much you like or don't like them. As a Christian nobody can survive alone, separated from the body of Christ. We all need the encouragement and fellowship of other believers.

3. Having God's values

Moses regarded identifying himself with Christ as of greater value than all the treasures of Egypt. This is what it means to have God's values, to value Jesus above anything and everything else in your life. The Bible likens finding Jesus to a man who found buried treasure in a field. That man then goes and sells all that He has in order to buy that field. And if you were to ask that man, 'how were you able to sacrifice so much to buy that field?' His answer would be 'I never made a sacrifice, what I gained was worth so much more.' Just like this, anyone who has ever given up anything to follow Jesus would all say it was completely worth it.