

A DIFFICULT DECISION TO MAKE

Hebrews 11:24-26

Introduction: Sooner or later everybody has to make a decision. Some are not as important as others but sooner or later a life changing decision will come. Whichever way the decision is made, it can be good or it can be bad. God gave us the Bible which is full of wonderful people, thoughts, directives and examples for us to learn from. Of the men and women we see in the Bible perhaps Moses is one of the most outstanding. Think back to the time when he found out his true heritage. He learned that he was not an Egyptian but an Israelite - one of those very ones who had been slaves to Egypt for hundreds of years. Would he keep it a secret and go on with his life as an Egyptian or would he follow his true heritage, his true people, the Israelites?

I. MOSES HAD TO MAKE A LIFE CHANGING DECISION

1. The decision Moses would have to make would reveal what kind of man he really was inside.
 - Should he remain silent and hope that nobody found out his true heritage?
 - Should he try one way for a while and then perhaps go back the way he was?
2. As the scripture shows, Moses made his decision and never had regrets.

II. THERE WERE TWO CHOICES TO CHOOSE FROM

1. Moses could say "NO" and turn his back on his true heritage, an Israelite.
 - Did he wrestle with the decision he had to make? "NO."
 - He looked at both choices and without hesitation said "NO" to continuing as he was.
2. Moses said "YES" without any reservations.
 - He didn't just say "NO" but with all his heart he said "NO."
 - Usually one wrestles with decisions as serious as the one Moses was making, weighing both sides of the matter. What will be given up. What will be gained.
 - In making decisions there are always things that must be given up and in becoming a Christian, things will have to be given up after becoming a Christian in order to live as Christ wants.
 - Saying "NO" to certain things in order to follow Christ is necessary so that one may say "YES" to more important things Christ has for the Christian.

III. THE DECISION MOSES MADE WAS COSTLY

1. He gave up much:
 - The highest social position in all the land of Egypt.
 - Social position is one of the most sought after things among us today.
 - The pleasures of Egypt.
 - Egypt was the playground of the world then.
 - It is very difficult to say "NO" to what the world offers.

- The treasures of Egypt.
 - All the wealth of Egypt could be his.
 - What will a person do today to become wealthy?
 - Bring disappointment to those who loved him, who had raised him, to whom he owed so much.
 - He was adopted, educated, and on his way to being Pharaoh of Egypt.
 - How hard it is to not disappoint those to whom we owe so much.
2. Moses knew that his choice would also be costly.
 - He refused all Egypt had to offer and instead chose to suffer with his true people.
 - He knew that suffering, agony, disappointment, battle, conflict, tears and even slavery could come.
 - Yet knowing all this, he made his choice, to be with his true people, God's people.

IV. HOW DID MOSES ARRIVE AT THIS CHOICE?

1. He found out who he really was, thus what was true and not true.
 - He could have gone on to lead a life of greatness in Egypt.
 - His heart told him to do the right, truthful thing, identify himself with his true people.
2. He knew what he would be giving up but being truthful was more important.
 - We have but to look back in life and see what sin has offered and how great and wonderful it seemed then, but now it all has become wrong and ugly.
 - Worldly things are but for a little while and then they fade away leaving emptiness.
3. Moses knew that being true was of more value than pretense.
 - He had the best education possible in his day.
 - He had everything life could offer.
 - He saw that being true, to himself, and to others was more important than anything else.

V. THE FINAL RESULT OF MOSES' DECISION AFFECTED UNCOUNTABLE LIVES

1. Moses received a Christ-like character.
 - His face even glowed from being in God's presence.
2. Moses rendered a service that has blessed the whole world.
 - The nation of Israel came into being.
 - Ultimately the Messiah came through that nation.
3. Moses won God's approval.
 - He was at Jesus' transfiguration.
 - God says Moses will come back to preach during the last days.

CONCLUSION:

1. The best days of Moses' life happened when he made the decision to be his true self.
2. Moses gave up all the world had to offer and chose to be truthful.
3. Moses left his adopted family and in turn adopted a family, Israel.
4. We face decisions every day and those decisions need to include God's will for our lives.
5. Which is more important: What the world offers or what God wants?
6. Has any of your decisions been harder than the decision Moses had to make?
7. A last thought, God was working to bring about the decision and change time in Moses' life for God had great plans for Moses.
 - God has great plans for you, too, and is working in your life by giving you decisions to make which will bring change for you.
 - Will you follow Moses' example and follow what your heart tells you?