

Series: Champion For God

Title: Moses, The Champion of Choice

Text: (Heb 11:23-29)

(Heb 12:1-4) Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

If each one ran a lap with you, what would they say?

Abel - Champion of Worship

Enoch - Champion of the Daily Walk

Noah - Champion of Obedience

Abraham - Champion of Faith

Isaac - Dysfunctional Champion

Jacob - Champion of Brokenness

Joseph - Champion of Forgiveness

Moses - The Champion of Choice

(Heb 11:23) *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*

History according to Steven the Martyr: (Acts 7:1-36)

(Acts 7:20) *In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:*

Moses' parents believed God's Promise: Gen50:24-26
They hid Moses 3 months "*and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*"

Refers to the events in Exo 1 when the sitting Pharaoh ordered all Hebrews baby boys to be slain at birth.

The Providence of God

(Acts 7:21-22) *And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.*

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Moses was raised in the Royal Household.

Moses was raised as part of the Ruling family.

Moses would need this training for Nation Building:

God will use your past experiences for His Future Service.

We have to Trust God has a plan:

We have to Trust God that His plan is Best!

(Rom 8:28-29) *All Things, Good/Bad*

Moses was a Champion for God b/c of His Choices

Moses Chose to Identify by Faith: Moses chose to Identify himself with God, rather than the World's Philosophy.

(Heb 11:24) *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*

He was not, Her Son, or even Egyptian.

(Heb 11:25) *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

Moses Chose to Identify himself with God, than the False God's of Egypt.

Moses Chose to Identify himself with God, and the people of God rather than his Egyptian Parents/ Family/Friends/ Customs/Culture/Traditions.

What is YOUR IDENTITY?

Who Are You?

What Are You?

What is that based on?

The World will try to shape your Identity:

Through Your Circumstances.

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22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Moses was raised in the Royal Household.

Moses was raised as part of the Ruling family.

Everyone bowed to him.

Everyone accepted him, even though that wasn't

WHO or WHAT he really was.

The World will try to shape your Identity:

Through Product Marketing.

Cars are no longer the American Dream.

Cars are part of our Identity.

Clothes are no longer for warmth & Modesty.

Clothes are a part of our Identity?

The World will try to shape your Identity:

Through our Sin & Behaviors.

Same-Sex attraction - I must be Gay & its OK.

But if your flesh is attracted to children, animals
its somehow NOT OK?

Who writes these rules?

What are these rules based on?

Who Created this Idea? - Satan, In the Garden.

He told Eve to Follow her heart. (Jer 17:9)

Evolution says you are a highly evolved animal.

Why are we surprised when they act like one?

Evolution says you are an accident, w/o purpose.

Why are we surprised when people don't want one.

Why strive/put for effort, when you can get by, better
than the rest of world, by doing nothing at all?

The World will try to shape your Identity:

But the Reality is, Who do you belong to?

Who saved your Soul?

(Eph 2:1) You were dead, Christ made you alive.

(John 10:10) Gave us Life!

Who bought you back from Sin? (1 Cor 6:20; 7:23)

You body is the Temple of God.

By holding onto our Sin, There are Idols to us.

You are Worshipping an Idols in your heart, which is
the Temple of God.

Who Are YOU?

WHO's ARE YOU?

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(2 Cor 5:14-15,17) The Love of God caused Him to choose his Identity as a *New Creature!* (2 Cor 5:17)

You are Close, but not there.

(Mark 12:34) *Thou art not far from the kingdom of God.*

Our Choices Have Consequences:

(Heb 11:25) *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

Moses chose to be a slave, than live in his flesh.

Moses chose the loss of everything by Earthly standards for Christ.

The Jews that accepted Christ, It cost them there lives.

Christians in Muslim Countries, being Identified with Christ will cost them their life!

Christians in Communist Countries, It costs them all.

We Think that our walk with God should cost us nothing!

(Phil 1:29) *For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to **SUFFER** for his sake;*

(2 Thes 1:5) *Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also **SUFFER**:*

(1 Tim 4:10) *For therefore we both labour and **SUFFER** reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.*

(2 Tim 1:12) *For the which cause I also **SUFFER** these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

(2 Tim 3:12) *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall **SUFFER** persecution.*

(1 Pet 3:14) *But and if ye **SUFFER** for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;*

(1 Pet 3:17) *For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye **SUFFER** for well doing, than for evil doing.*

(1 Pet 4:16) *Yet if any man **SUFFER** as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.*

(1 Pet 4:19) *Wherefore let them that **SUFFER** according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*

Earthly Decision with Heavenly Dividends

Moses could have stayed & lived in pleasure, but been identified for eternity with Satan.

What consequences has your faith brought you?
Loss of Friends? Loss of earthly Gain?

Many people will refuse salvation, b/c of what they think they have to give up.

Moses was a Champion for God b/c of His Choices

Moses Chose God's Values:

Tell me who your friends are & I will tell you what you are. *"You are who you run with"*

Who's Values do you hold dear?

(Heb 11:26) *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.*

Do you value what God Values?

Do you believe He will Reward you? (Heb 11:6)

Moses believed God: *"the recompense of reward."*

(Gen 15:1) *Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

Moses' vision was focused upon the reward/riches promised by God rather than upon the visible affluence at hand before him in Egypt.

Moses knew the pleasures of sin, readily available in Egypt brought only temporary gratification.

And indeed there may be pleasure in sin.

But it is always short lived.

Moses, by faith, knew the blessings promised by God were eternal in nature.

In Faith, He wisely chose the long term reward of God rather than the short term pleasure of sin.

Esteeming: Valuing, Highly Prizing
What is it you Value most?

What is your choice?

Valuing the Temporary OR the Eternal?

Earthly Wealth - Heavenly Gain?

Earthly Fame - Heaven's Glory?

Earthly Pleasure - Heaven's Joy! (Ps 16:11)

Moses was a Champion for God b/c of His Choices

Moses Chose to Identify with God

Moses Chose to Value of God

Moses' Chose God's Purpose for him:

(Acts 7:23-25) 23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: 25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

Moses recognized God's Purpose for him was a lot larger than himself & His Earthly desires.

Moses saw the Purpose of his life was to fulfill God's Word.

(Acts 7:6-7) And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years. 7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

What is the Purpose of your life?

(2 Cor 5:14-15) For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

We are not to live unto our own pleasures/desires

We are to Take Personal Responsibility:

1st: Single: Self

2nd: Married: Self +Spouse

3rd: Family: Self+Spouse+Children

Church Member: + Brothers/Sisters (Heb 10:24-25)

Teacher: + People in your class

Pastor: Self, Spouse, Children, Church, Community

Moses recognized his purpose was to spread his circle around the entire Nation of Israelites.

Not Everyone will Identify with your Purpose:

(Acts 7:25-28) 25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? 27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

Everyone is called to serve:

A Call to serve is a call to prepare for Service

(Heb 11:27) By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

(Acts 7:29) *Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.*

Kept his Father-in-law's Flock:

Shepherding is good leadership skill training.
Sheep don't do what's best for themselves.

Moses Chose God's Protection

(Heb 11:28) *Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*

Moses Chose God's Deliverance:

(Heb 11:29) *By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*

(Heb 12:1-4) *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.*

What would Moses Say, if he were to come down out to the Heavenly Stands and take a lap with you in this race?

(Read the Poem)

What is Your Identity?

What has Your Identity in Christ Cost you?

What Is it You VALUE?

Are you Worshipping your Idols of Sin in your heart which is God's Temple

What is Your PURPOSE?