

Forsaking Egypt By Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:24-28 NIV

Introduction

In all of our lives, if we expect to grow spiritually, we must come to the decision to forsake our own "Egypt": for Egypt is a type of sin. Spiritual growth can come only when we get out of Egypt and get Egypt out of us.

I. We must renounce our worldly identity

Hebrews 11:24-25a NIV By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God....

- A. Moses made a clear choice
 - 1. He chose not to be Egyptian

Acts 7:22 NIV Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action
 - 2. Moses chose to identify with the people of God
 - a. Knowing the sacrifice
 - b. Knowing the hardship
- B. Moses had clear priorities

Hebrews 11:26 NIV 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.

II. We must renounce our life of sin

Hebrews 11:27a, 25 NIV By faith he left Egypt.... He chose to be mistreated with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

- A. Our faith sees the value of God's discipline
- B. Our faith sees sin's true picture
 - 1. Without its glamour
 - 2. Without its deception
- C. Our faith sees sin's temporary term
 - 1. Sin only allows short range goals

- 2. Sin doesn't plan for eternity

III. We must come into God's fellowship

Hebrews 11:27 NIV ...he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

- A. Placing our value in a relationship with God
- B. Making the sacrifices to maintain that relationship