

Trade Off's  
Lessons From The Life Of Moses  
Hebrews 11:23-27

Few people have made as great an impact with their lives and ministry as Moses. God used Moses because he made the right choices...and those choices shaped his character.

Four Questions Everyone Must Ask

1. The Identity Question WHO AM I ?

"By faith, Moses, when he had grown up, **refused** to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter." Hebrews 11:24

Refused Greek = to reject, to disown, no turning back.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

2. The Responsibility Question WHAT WILL I DO WITH MY LIFE?

"He **chose** to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time." Hebrews 11:25

Recognize:

- I can't live off of other's spiritual commitment
- I can't blame others for the direction of my life
- I am free to choose my response to life.

(Joshua) "(You) may choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14-15

3. The Priority Question WHAT IS REALLY MOST IMPORTANT ?

"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." Hebrews 11:26

### The World's Value System:

- POWER & PRESTIGE: Hebrews 11:24
- PLEASURE: Hebrews 11:25
- POSSESSIONS: Hebrews 11:26

### Moses' Value System:

- God's PURPOSE is more valuable than popularity.  
Hebrews 11:24
- PEOPLE are more valuable than treasures.  
Hebrews 11:25
- God's PEACE is more valuable than possessions.  
Hebrews 11:26

#### 4. The Difficulty Question HOW MUCH AM I WILLING TO COMMIT?

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

#### Test of Faith: How long can I wait?

"These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. Yet this short time of distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever! 18 So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (TLB)

#### 5. The Payoff came after the Tradeoffs

##### Gave Up

1. Son of Pharaoh's daughter
2. Pleasures of Sin
3. Treasures of Egypt
4. Life in Egypt
5. Losing his firstborn
6. Divine plagues
7. Drowning in the Red Sea
8. A life outside God's purposes

##### Received

- Called a Hebrew
- Ill Treatment
- Reproach of Christ
- Life in the wilderness
- Keeping his firstborn son
- Divine Protection
- Walking through the Red Sea
- Fulfilling God's purpose for his life