



SERIES: GOD USES ORDINARY PEOPLE

TOPIC: PRINCIPLES (FOUR KEYS) TO EFFECTIVE LIVING – PASTOR ALTON TRIMBLE

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Hebrews 11:24-28 (NLT) *It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. ²⁷ It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. ²⁸ It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons.*

FOUR (4) LIFE LESSONS FOR EFFECTIVE LIVING:

1. BE YOURSELF.

- a. Moses had an identity crisis.

Verse 24: *It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.*

Verse 25: *He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

2. ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR OWN LIFE.

Verse 23: *It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command.*

Verse 24 *"When he [Moses] grew up."*

Verse 25: *He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

II CORINTHIANS 13:11 (NLT) *Dear brothers and sisters,^[a] I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.*

3. ESTABLISH A VALUE SYSTEM FOR YOUR LIFE.

Verse 26: *He regarded it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.*

The world values THREE (3) things:

- i. The value of pleasure.
- ii. The value of possessions.
- iii. The value of power.

MATTHEW 6:24 (NLT) *No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.*

Moses decided THREE (3) things!

- i. That God's purpose is more valuable than popularity.

Verse 24: *It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.*

- ii. He valued people more than pleasure.

Verse 25: *He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

- iii. God's peace is more valuable than possession.

LUKE 12:15 says "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

Verse 26b: *for he was looking ahead to his great reward.*

4. NEVER TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THE GOAL.

Verse 27: *It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.*

HEBREWS 12:2 (NLT) *We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.*

II CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (NKJV) *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

II CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (NLT) *That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are¹⁶ being renewed every day. ¹⁷For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

II CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (AMP) *Therefore we do not become discouraged [spiritless, disappointed, or afraid]. Though our outer self is [progressively] wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our momentary, light distress [this passing trouble] is producing for us an eternal weight of glory [a fullness] beyond all measure [surpassing all comparisons, a transcendent splendor and an endless blessedness]! ¹⁸So we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen; for the things which are visible are temporal [just brief and fleeting], but the things which are invisible are everlasting and imperishable.*

HEBREWS 12:1-2 (NIV) *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*