**CONQUERING YOUR CROSSROAD**

**SCRIPTURE READING….*Hebrews 11:1-26  Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.2For by it the elders obtained a good report.3Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.4By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.5By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.7By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.8By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.9By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:10For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.11Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.13These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.14For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.15And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.16But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.17By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,18Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:19Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.20By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.21By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.22By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.23By 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.24By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;25Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;26Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.***

The title for this MESSAGE is: "CONQUERING YOUR CROSSROAD,"

Picture a person traveling down a road and he comes upon a place where the road divides, it becomes a crossroad, Three choice are present but one must be made either go to the left or go to the right or turn back, either way a choice must be made.

Often people fearing that they may go in the wrong direction, decide

to turn back.

Another, person chooses one of the two and continues traveling on.

This is a person of decision.

For the young, the fact of choice is very important. Regarding whether they will serve the Lord, there are always important choices to be made.

For the older, the subject of choice may not be as critical since many choices have already been made, but this word will serve as a reminder that the choices we have made are, in fact, the right ones.

Also, it will encourage us to abide in the choices that we have made.

As we read the Scriptures we see many people who made the right choices, However, as we consider all these GREAT NAMES SUCH as...Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Joseph This is considered THE GREAT HALL OF FAITH. But many other names are not entered in this chapter…..Too many to enter…..Daniel, Solomon, Elijah, Elisha, Joshua, Ezekiel, Samson, Ruth, Sarah, The Syrophoenician Woman, The woman with the issue of Blood, Bartimaeus, The list is too long to mention however, other than Jesus himself…

NONE STAND OUT MORE THAN MOSES!!!

No man has ever come face to face with God and Lived!!!!

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**MOSES AT THE CROSSROADS IN THE ROAD OF HIS LIFE**

When Moses reached the crossroad in the road in his life's journey, he had to make definite choices and thus he revealed himself to be a man of definite decisions.

Beloved there comes such a point in every person's life that decisions must be made.

Such decisions must be made between the Flesh and the Spirit, God and Satan, God's people and Satan's people.

The main question here is ..Shall we choose self, friends, family, the way of least

resistance, or God?

It matters not what successes one may enjoy or what promises the world may hold, the choice of God must be made.

Anyone who does not decide for God, is "against" God.

***Matt. 12:30 30He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.***

**LET US LOOK AT SOME THINGS THAT DETERMINE YOUR CHOICE** AT THE CROSSROAD….–

There are always two elements in every decision the negative and the positive; the refusal and the acceptance.

When we consider the negative side. Moses said "No" to something. He said "No," and he meant it.

This meant two things, His refusal implies both strong temptation and wise perception.

While considering his course, Moses could have reasoned that God had determined that he was to remain in the house of Pharaoh since God placed him there to begin with.

He could have enjoyed all the TREMENDOUS royalties life could ever offer!!!

Many people have all the world could offer, but have no room for God in their lives.

The positive side. Moses did more than just say "No. "He said "Yes," and identified himself with the people of God.

a. He refused to go one way, in order that he might go another.

b. Right living does not consist solely of giving up evil things.

 **Caution..**(1) When we take something out of our lives that is not

 pleasing to God, we must put something back in its

 place; otherwise, the devil will try to fill that

 void.

***Luke 11:24-26 24When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.25And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.26Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.***

 (2) Here’s what happens, people don't just merely stop serving sin, we

 Start serving God.

***Rom. 6:11-13, 11Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.12Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.13Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.***

**III. GREAT DECISIONS AT A CROSSROAD CAN SOMETIMES BE VERY COSTLY.**

The Story of Lot and Abraham…is a tremendous example !!!!

The negative side of his choice. In the case of Moses, there was much to give up.

1. He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

He gave up the highest social position in Egypt. He did not want to be identified with the people of the world.

Some parents have this in reverse. They want their children to be identified with the world, accepted into society for who and what they are.

Often their children succeed in the things of the world, but a major setback is that they fail in the spiritual things of God.

No doubt, Moses' decision brought disappointment to those who had given him his training, position and opportunities. Yet, he turned away from everything. Gold, silver, position, Highest seat of authority etc. etc.

Beloved, here’s the key….He did not choose the temporary pleasures of sin. He could have had all his fleshly desires well satisfied by keeping his position.

All sinful pleasures are only temporary. They don't bring lasting happiness. They all will be destroyed with the world.

Here’s the Bible’s instruction…..

***1 John 2:15-1715Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.17And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.***

 He did not choose the treasures of Egypt.

1. Egypt had vast wealth at that time, as is clearly displayed by the excavations of the tombs of the Pharaohs.

 B. The cost of his choice is not to be measured only in what he gave up, but he

 chose suffering with the people of God.

1. He expected a life of hardship as a result of his choice.

***2 Tim. 3:1212Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.***

**IV. HOW DID MOSES COME TO MAKE THIS CHOICE?**

The positive side of his choice.

1. His faith was the factor that motivated him. "By faith Moses..."

 1. His faith unlocked the treasures of God. He looked to the

 heavenly treasures rather than the earthly ones.

The gospel is God's statement of what spiritual blessings are ours when we make the choice of them.

***1 Pet.1:3-5; 3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,4To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,5Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

***2 Pet. 1:1-4 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:2Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,3According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:4Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.***

There are several other things in considering Moses' case more carefully,

1. He had a clear eye for distinguishing right from wrong.

***Heb.5:14 14But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***

1. He was able to comprehend the things of real value.

2 Cor.5:***1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.***

 3. He knew that the pleasures and gains of this world are only temporary.

***Luke 12:19-20 19And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.20But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?***

1. He set his heart on things above rather than things on this earth.

***Col. 3:1-3; If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.2Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.3For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.***

***1 Pet. 1:1313Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ***

1. He anticipated the coming reward and accepted whatever labor and hardship

necessary to obtain it.

***2 Cor.4:17; 7For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;***

***Rom.8:18 18For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.***

**V. WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF HIS DECISION?**

1. His decision developed him into one of the greatest Bible characters ever known.

***Ex. 34:29-33 29And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.30And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.31And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them.32And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai.33And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face.***

1. Beloved His face shone, not because he was viewing gold, silver and the pleasures of this life, but because he had looked upon God.
2. Let’s look at Paul's view and declaration as led by God’s Spirit on this matter…

***2 Cor. 3:12-18. 12Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:13And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:14But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.15But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.16Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.17Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.18But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.***

 B. Moses' decision enabled him to render a great service to his

 people and to the world.

 1. From Heb. 11, the great men and women of faith contributed

 much to all the faithful who would follow after them.

 C. Moses's decision enabled him to reach heaven.

 1. Standing by Moses in Egypt, his choice may seem to be

 foolish and absurd, but standing by the glorified Christ on

 the Mount of Transfiguration we know that it was the only

 wise choice to make.

***Matt. 17:1-3 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,2And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.3And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.***

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 A. Thus, what is your decision in life today? Which road will you

 take?

1. Our choice is essentially the same one Moses had to make.

Will you safely… **CONQUER YOUR CROSSROAD**

 1. Will we identify ourselves with the people of the world or

 the people of God?

 2. Will we enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season or will we

 enjoy the pleasures of righteousness?

 3. Will we, by our actions, reap the eternal destruction of the

 soul or will we be rewarded eternal life?

 What will your decision be?

IT’S TIME TO PUT AWAY ALL CHURCH FOOLISHNESS,IN THE WORDS OF MINISTER F.GOPIE

WE DON’T COME HERE TO PLAY CHURCH!!

OUR CROSSROAD CAME TO A STRAIGHT PATH AND ITS STRAIGHT AND NARROW!

THE VEIL OVER OUR EYES WAS REMOVED BY OUR SAVIOR, AND ARE NOW SET FREE, MANY IN THE WORLD ARE STILL BLIND AND CAN’T SEE THE TREES FOR THE FOREST!

WANT TO CONQUER YOUR CROSSROAD…. SEEK THE LORD, HE WILL ALWAYS GIVE YOU THE RIGHT CHOICE TO FOLLOW!

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