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....By the Example of **Moses**

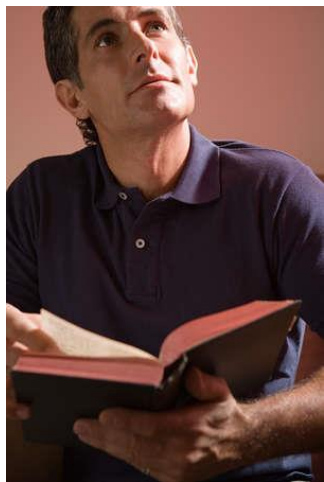
Hebrews

11:23-29

“choosing rather
to suffer affliction”

An example of
faith that we can
certainly relate to

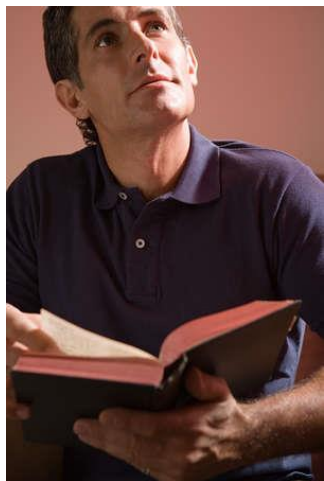




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The Valleys

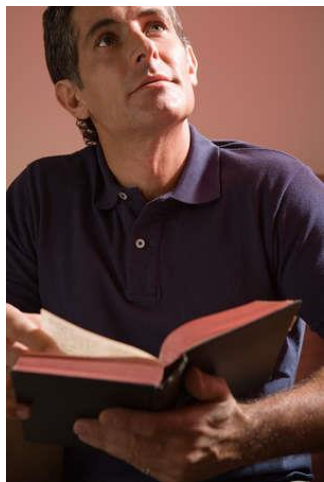
- Taken from his parents as an infant
- Raised in an idolatrous household
- Taught as an Egyptian
 - Acts 7:22
- Rejected by his own people
 - Acts 7:23-29



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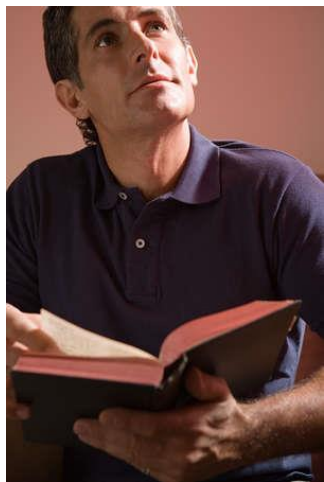
- **Not a born leader**
 - Exodus 3:10-11; 4:10-11
- **His wife opposed him**
 - Exodus 4:24-26
- **His brother made a golden calf**
 - Exodus 32:1-4



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The Valleys

- **His sister and brother rebelled**
 - Numbers 14:10; Exodus 17:4
- **He rebelled at the waters of Meribah**
 - Numbers 20:7-12
- **Lost His opportunity to enter Canaan**
 - Deuteronomy 3:23-27

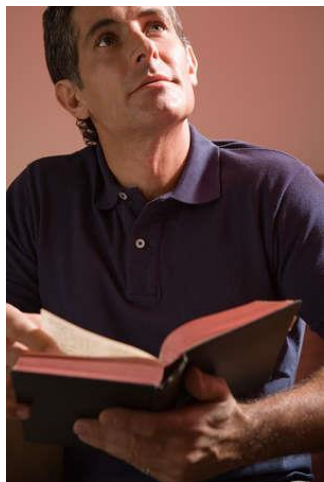


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Two Elements in His Decision

- The “negative” element
 - He “refused”
 - Hebrews 11:24
- The “positive” element
 - A full-fledged **YES!**

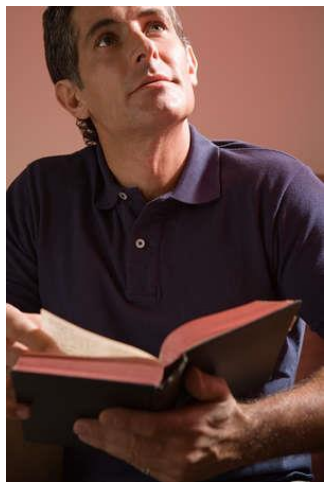
Moses had a longing hope of being with God
--- A faith that was always growing



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His Decision was Costly

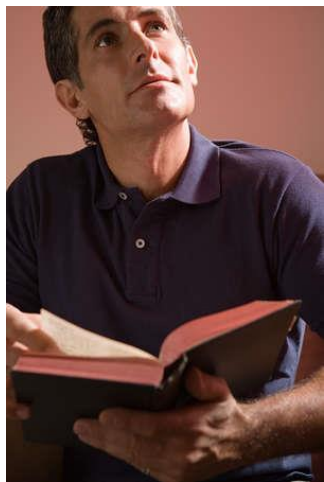
- He had **MUCH** to give up
 - We must also “**count the cost**”
 - Luke 14:27-28
 - Matthew 19:21-22
 - Matthew 10:34-37



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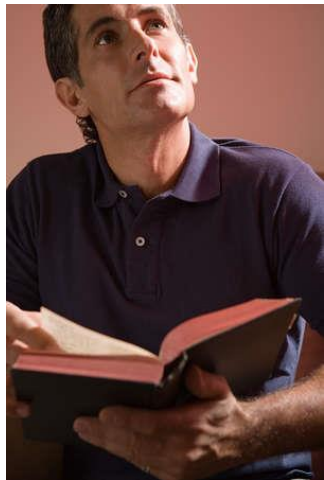
- **In what he chose**
 - Chose suffering – Hebrews 11:25
 - We must also “**suffer persecution**”
 - 2 Timothy 3:12
 - John 16:33
- **He had faith that heaven is worth it!**
 - Psalms 73:2-17



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Why Did He Make His Choice?

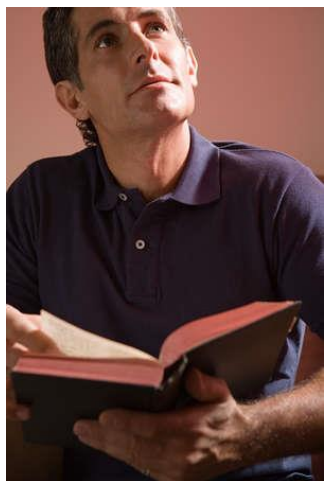
- **Distinguished right and wrong**
 - Hebrews 11:27
 - Matthew 6:22-23
- **Pleasure of sin was only temporal**
 - Luke 6:25



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Why Did He Make His Choice?

- **Knew what real values were**
 - Hebrews 11:26
 - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- **Knew his decision would result in an eternity with God!**
 - Matthew 7:13-14



Moses

Summary

- **Key verse – Hebrews 11:25**
 - “choosing rather to suffer affliction”
- **Key thought**
 - **Dedication**
 - Dedicated to God in his choices

May we have a **continual and abiding faith**
in God as did Moses!

Conclusion

- **Noah – Perseverance**
 - “moved with godly fear”
- **Abraham – Obedience**
 - “obeyed when he was called”
- **Moses – Dedication**
 - “choosing to suffer affliction”

Hebrews 11:1
Hebrews 11:6
1 Corinthians 15:58
2 Corinthians 5:7

