

Heb 11:24-26

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Hebrews chapter 11, also known as the faith chapter. We read all these accounts of faith and think how great these people are and we wish could be just like one of them. Well, if you really think that way, look at the account of Moses here in today's devotional verses focusing on verse 25

† *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.*

How many times do we choose to compromise our Christian walk to fit in with the crowd, maybe at work, school, hanging out with our friends, or even at home? We are so afraid of being persecuted for our faith or being rejected by others if they know how much of a Christian we really are. So what do we do? We compromise our walk so we can fit in by walking a fine line as to not go too far over the edge. This needs to stop and we need to separate ourselves from the world.

Look at Jesus' prayer in the book of John.

† **John 17:14-15** *I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.*

Jesus knew all too well that we would be rejected if we choose not to be like the world, so He prays for us. But He did not pray that we would be taken out of the world, but rather that God would keep us, and protect us from the world.

Jesus also tells us what to do while we are in the world.

† **Matt 5:14** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

Sure there is darkness all around us, but we need to stand strong in the Lord and be a reflection of that true light, Jesus Christ!

So, if you want to be included in the faith chapter, why not start with Moses' example: *choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.* And let's separate ourselves from the world so that we can be a light to a dark world.

† **Phil 2:14-15 (NLT)** *In everything you do, stay away from complaining and arguing, so that no one can speak a word of blame against you. You are to live clean, innocent lives as children of God in a dark world full of crooked and perverse people. Let your lives shine brightly before them.*