



Big Idea: Faith chooses what is eternal over what is easy.

1.) Choose the fear of **GOD** over the fear of **MAN** (v. 23).

-- *"...and they were not afraid of the king's edict."*

-- Fearing God rather than man means choosing to honor God's will over challenges and threats against it (Luke 12:4-5).

-- To disregard clear truth from God's Word in favor of fear of man is spiritual nearsightedness and neglect.

-- **This particular call to fear God and not man comes in the context of PARENTING**

-- Moses' parents were more concerned about their child's future than what was easy in the moment.

-- Many parents would rather jeopardize their children's future than be inconvenienced or uncomfortable today.

-- It can be extremely tempting in parenting to choose what is easy over what is eternal.

-- *"...they saw that the child was beautiful..."*

-- Moses' parents looked at their young child, and they had a vision for his **FUTURE**

-- *Do you have a vision for the ways God can bless your children and use their lives for His sake and His glory?*

-- Almost certainly, our best and most godly visions for our children will not come to pass on the easy road.

-- Does the way we raise our young people reflect a proper fear of the Lord?

2.) Choose **SUBMISSION** over **STATUS** (v. 24).

-- v. 24 - **"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter..."**

-- Moses here gives up a very valuable title in order to be mistreated with God's people.

-- This is just one of many ways in which the life of Moses points ahead to Christ (Philippians 2:5-7).

-- **The most important TITLE anyone will ever hold is "child of God," not any title the world can give** (Psalm 84:10, 1 John 3:1).

-- The choices we make reveal which title we cherish most.

-- It is one thing to say "Christian" is the only title that will matter in the end, it is another to put feet to your faith.

-- **Worldly status is about pleasing PEOPLE submission is about honoring GOD** (Galatians 1:10).

-- *Does your attitude toward evangelism and/or ministry reveal a desire for status in the world?*

-- *What grieves you more: when God is insulted or when you are?*

Application Questions

-- *Does your faith in Christ inform and direct the decisions we make each day?*

-- *Can you identify specific areas of your life and the life of your family where you are choosing what is eternal over what is easy?*

-- *Are there important areas where you are choosing what is easy over what is eternal?*