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**The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.**

***Heb. 11:24-26 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. (NIV)***

When we abide with the LORD, it may cost us some of the temporary pleasures of this world. But the benefits are out of the world! The faithfulness of Moses and the many others that are mentioned in the 'Hall of Faith' in Hebrews 11 is a testimony to the faithfulness of God. Moses made the decision to follow the LORD no matter what the cost might be. And the result is that He heard from God, walked with God, saw the glory of God, wrote down the law of God, and led the people of God.

Moses was not willing to 'enjoy' the pleasure of Egypt, but instead worked along-side his people. He knew that the LORD's hand would free them from slavery, just as He had spoken. Growing up in the house of Pharaoh, could have made him very popular and powerful, but he knew that nothing was more powerful than the hand of God. And he witnessed this time and time again. He saw Him open the sea and let the children of Israel walk across on dry ground. He saw Him turn bitter water in the desert into sweet, drinkable water. He saw Him carve His law into two tablets of stone. He saw Him open up the earth and swallow three thousand people who had bowed to a golden calf instead of to the King of kings. He saw Him feed over a million people every day with manna from Heaven. Truly Moses walked by faith and God showed him blessing after blessing.

**Dear LORD, help us to walk by faith like Moses. Help us to trust You completely, every day, all day long. Help us to know that better is a day with You than a thousand elsewhere. In Jesus Name, Amen**