

What was the point of the message on Sunday? Not sure? Well, if for some reason you missed it,

## *Here's The Point ...*

### **“We Must Live by a Faith that Looks Beyond the Temporary”**

#### ***1. Beyond the Temporary Positions of Influence***

Who's defining success in your life? Is it your family? Your friends? Your spouse? Yourself? Or is it your God? There comes a time, when we all, like Moses, must answer the question, "Who's 'well-done' am I really living for?" In Hebrews 11:24-27, we learned that there was a life-style that went along with Moses' maturity. And in a similar way, there's a life-style for the mature Christian that runs contrary to what makes sense to the world. In the natural, it made no sense for Moses to give up his position of influence in the palace of Pharaoh. But Moses knew where he belonged. He belonged with his people, even if that meant being mistreated. Often we are called, by faith, to deepen our walk with God by deciding to walk away from a place or a position that will temporarily advance us. Moses stretched out in faith and God rewarded him. Moses was given the highest position of influence over the people of God and by faith he experienced the supernatural power of God in delivering the people out of Egypt. If we let fear cause us to settle for a superficial place in this world, we will limit our experience of the supernatural power of God. Fear causes us to settle, but faith causes us to stretch out.

#### ***2. Beyond the Temporary Pleasures of Sin***

The problem with sin is that it's fun ... but only in the flesh and only in the short term. By faith, Moses understood that walking in the will of God was more pleasurable and would bring more joy than walking in the ways of the world. By faith, he walked away from the palace of temporary pleasure, the place of temporary delights. It doesn't say, by "his will-power," or by "following his self-improvement program," or by "heeding the advice of his friends and family." It says, by faith. What places in your life do you need to walk away from by faith because of the temptation to settle for the temporary pleasures of sin? We must not confuse legalism with living for God. Legalism says, "I live a different way in order to earn God's love." Living for God says, "I live a different way because I understand God's love."

#### ***3. Beyond the Temporary Possessions of the World***

Once you start living a different way from the world, people will take note, will become uncomfortable, and will begin to talk. But walking by faith is always worth the walk. Moses considered sharing in the same sufferings that Christ went through as more valuable than the possessions of the world, because he was looking past the temporary to the eternal reward. He knew that God will reward those who follow His will no matter the cost (see Matt. 5:11-12). Moses reminds us that we must not be a "bargain Christian." What do I mean? Bargain Christians seek to live for God at the lowest cost. They order their life around the cheapest way out. There's a high price tag for living a life that pleases God, but great is our reward. The rough road is often the right road.

#### ***4. Beyond the Temporary People of Power***

Is there anyone you're afraid of disappointing more than God? In verse 27, we see that Moses didn't fear the anger of the temporary king, because his 20-20 vision of faith enabled him to see that pleasing the eternal King was all that mattered. Moses persevered in his walk of faith "as seeing Him who is invisible." Faith is the conviction, or evidence, of things, or events, not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Who are we afraid of disappointing? Who are we trying to please? A mature Christian must continue to live for the "well done" of Christ and continue to look to Him, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2).