

A Fork In The Road Hebrews 11:24-26

Yes, A Fork In The Road

A place where the path splits and a choice must be made.

Some turn back, afraid of making a wrong choice.

Others make a choice and confidently move forward.

Young or Old choices are necessary & important. Often even need to review past choices.

Many examples of those who made right choices, Joseph, Joshua, Elijah, Paul, etc.

Text considers a choice made by Moses.

Moses At The Fork In The Road

Moses was a man of decision.

All are faced with decisions – Flesh/Spirit, God/Satan, God's people/Satan's people.

Choose self, friends, family, way of least resistance, or God?

Matters not what successes one may enjoy or promises world may hold, the choice of God must be made. - **Matthew 12:30**

Some Things Involved In Choosing

Every choice involves both acceptance and rejection

Moses said "No" and meant it.

Refusal implies temptation and perception.

Could have reasoned God had determined he was to remain in Pharaoh's house since God placed him there

Moses did more than say "No." He said "Yes," and identified himself with the people of God

He refused to go one way, in order to go another.

Right living does not consist solely of giving up evil things.

Nature abhors a vacuum! - **Luke 11:24-26**

Don't just stop serving sin, we start serving God - **Romans 6:11-13,19**

Great Decisions Are Always Costly

Moses had much to give up - He refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter

Gave up highest social position in Egypt, did not want to be identified with the people of the world

Some parents have this reversed, they want children to be identified with the world, accepted by society.

They succeed in things of world, but fail in spiritual things

No doubt, Moses' decision brought disappointment to those who had given him his training, position and opportunities. Yet, he turned away from all those

He did not choose temporary pleasures of sin, he could have had all his desires satisfied by keeping his position. - **1John 2:17; 2Peter 3:10-12**

He did not choose the treasures of Egypt, which had vast wealth, shown by excavations of tombs of Pharaohs.

Cost of his choice not measured only by what he gave up, but he chose suffering with the people of God.

Expected life of hardship as a result of his choice - **2Timothy 3:12; 1Peter 2:19-20**

How Did Moses Come To Make This Choice?

Decision was made long before he walked away from Egypt

His faith the motivating factor "By faith Moses..."

Faith caused him to look to heavenly treasures not earthly

Gospel shows what spiritual blessings are ours when we make the choice of them - **1Peter 1:3-5; 2Peter 1:1-4**

Moses could distinguish right from wrong - **Hebrews 5:14**

Comprehend things of real value - **2Corinthians 5:1**

He knew pleasures of world are temporary - **Luke 12:19-20**

Set heart on things above not on earth - **Colossians 3:1-3; 1Peter 1:13**

Anticipated the reward and accepted whatever labor and hardship necessary to obtain it -
2Corinthians 4:17; Romans 8:18

What Was The Outcome Of His Decision?

Developed into one of greatest Bible characters - **Deuteronomy 34:10-12**

Enabled him to render a great service to his people and world

Enabled him to reach heaven

Standing by Moses in Egypt, his choice may seem to be foolish and absurd, but standing by Christ on Mount of Transfiguration we know it was the only wise choice to make - **Matthew 17:3**

Your Fork In The Road?

What is your decision in life today? Which road will you take?

Our choice is essentially the same one Moses had to make.

Will we identify ourselves with world or people of God?

Enjoy pleasures of sin for a season or pleasures of righteousness?

Eternal destruction of soul or be rewarded with eternal life?

What will your decision be? Jesus or the devil - heaven or hell

David J. Riggs/Jerry Henderson