

## MOSES – LIFE OF DESTINY #12 “Resisting Compromise”

Exodus 8:25-28

*Moses faces repeated attempts by Pharaoh to get him to compromise: He refuses. Resisting compromise is a key to being a man of God.*

**Exodus 8:25-28** <sup>25</sup>Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.” <sup>26</sup>And Moses said, “It is not right to do so, for we would be sacrificing the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. If we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, then will they not stone us?” <sup>27</sup>We will go three days’ journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us.” <sup>28</sup>So Pharaoh said, “I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Intercede for me.”

### I. THE TEMPTATION OF COMPROMISE

#### A. The Devil knows that many people will not serve Him outright: Become a Satan worshipper

1. So His strategy to affect us is to get us to compromise: *Accept things lower than is desirable/meet partway/Settle for less*
  - a. *Serve God: But not all the way. Hold back/do less/come to church less/give less*
2. Pharaoh is never doing that to help you – he’s not concerned for your well-being/family/soul
  - a. He wants you to fail spiritually – and go back under His control
  - b. He wants to render you ineffective in doing God’s will
  - c. He wants you to be a bad example to other people
3. So in every relationship/opportunity we should ask: *Is this an attempt to get me to compromise?*

### II. 3 AREAS OF COMPROMISE

#### A. **Compromise in distance:** **Ex 8:25** *Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.”*

1. Pharaoh wanted them to stay close to their old life
  - a. *The closer you are – the easier it is to go back to the old life*
2. Part of what Pharaoh is saying: *Don’t get carried away with serving God – don’t be a fanatic!*
  - a. *Go do a little worship – but don’t let things change too much in your life*
3. If God doesn’t change your life – then you are God/then the devil is God of your life!

#### B. **Compromise in family:** **Exodus 10:8-10**

1. God intends for us to serve God with our families: *Wives and children*
2. But the devil doesn’t want your children to be involved in serving God
  - a. **Exodus 10:11** *...Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the Lord...*
3. He tells people their children will be harmed if their children are involved with serving God
  - a. **Exodus 10:10** *He said to them, “The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you*
    1. *Your kids will miss out/they will hate God & become drug dealers if you make them come to church*
4. So some men make compromises with children: *You don’t have to come to church/have unsaved girlfriend/boyfriend...*

#### C. **Compromise in money:** **Exodus 10:24** *Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you.”*

1. Pharaoh wants to control their money: *If they left their animals – they would want to go back*
  - a. The devil doesn’t want you to make your money available to God
    1. *He doesn’t want you to tithe*
    2. *He doesn’t want you to give*
2. He wants money to dominate your life & worship of God
  - a. *The job you take/the hours you work/obsession with possessions*
3. If the devil determines your money in any way – He then rules your life
  - a. **Matthew 6:24** <sup>24</sup>*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

### III. RESISTING COMPROMISE

#### A. Moses resisted compromise: He insisted on obeying God and pleasing God

1. Distance: **Exodus 8:26-27** *it is not right to do so....we will go 3 days journey*
2. Family: **Exodus 10:9** *And Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters,*
3. Money: **Exodus 10:26** *Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind*

#### B. Every man of God must resist compromise

1. This is true personally: I will not lower my commitment to God
2. This is true in family: Our entire family will serve the Lord!
  - a. **Joshua 24:15** *... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord*
3. This is true in leadership/Pastoring: *You must resist pressure to change or lower your commitment to God*
  - a. *That is what brings God’s blessing in the end!*