

Life Group Notes

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Series: Purpose, Culture, Vision

Title: Courageous & Enduring

Passage: Hebrews 10-12

Our Difficult Choices (Hebrews 10:32-36)

Being a follower of Jesus is never easy. The 'Hebrews' started with courage but were struggling to endure. To encourage them, the writer of the letter uses examples of heroes who also lived with unpopular decisions.

Moses' Choice (Hebrews 11:24-27)

Moses had everything in the palace, yet chose to give it up to identify with the people of God. He was able to do this because he saw "he who is invisible."

Rahab's Choice (Hebrews 11:31)

Rahab had nothing, yet she welcomed the Good News and chose to believe in a future that was coming. As a result, she and her whole family were saved.

Jesus Christ's Choice (Hebrews 12:1-3)

The pinnacle of all examples is Jesus himself, who made the decision to embrace the cross and its shame. He did this for the joy set before him – the future church, the Kingdom of God.

Now it's our turn to run the race. The cloud of those who have gone before are around us, cheering us on, if only we could see them.

And we fix our eyes on Jesus. He is the perfecter of our faith, meaning that although choosing to endure is our decision, the power and grace to finish the race comes from Christ.

Suggested Questions

#1 What courageous choices do you need to make this week?

#2 In what ways are you afraid of the opinions of others (ie shame)?

#3 Which of the three examples (Moses, Rahab, Christ's cross) most inspires you to keep running, and why?