

Compromising to Culture

Exodus 8:20 thru Exodus 10:24; 2

Corinthians 6:14-17

Character Study

of the Life of Moses

The Bible calls Believers to come out from the world and be separate.

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14

What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. 2 Cor. 6:15-16

As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

“Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:16-17

**There is a time to compromise,
when it is wise to negotiate.**

**Failed marriages, split churches,
and even wars could be avoided
—but people stubbornly refuse to
yield on matters of interpretation
or in matters of opinion.**

**Paul negotiated and
compromised on matters of
opinion to be of influence.**

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

2 Corinthians 9:22

When it comes to obedience to God's Word, there is no room for compromise.

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Three Compromises presented to Moses that still tempt us today.

1. Go worship your God, but do it here in the land.

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God here in the land."

Exodus 8:25

Two Reasons Moses Rejected the Compromise

- 1. Worship is distinctive, it needs to be isolated and separate to the Lord.**

But Moses said, "That would not be right. The sacrifices we offer the Lord our God would be detestable to the Egyptians. And if we offer sacrifices that are detestable in their eyes, will they not stone us?"

Exodus 8:26

- 2. We must do what the Lord commands, even when it seems unreasonable.**

We must take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, as he commands us." **Exodus 8:27**

Pharaoh said, "I will let you go to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God in the desert, but you must not go very far. Now pray for me."

Exodus 8:28

Culture says, "It's okay to go to worship on Sunday,

but do it in a way that seems reasonable.”

Do not conform to a worldly mindset.

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2***

satan’s agenda in our culture is obvious.

*The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **Galatians 5:19***

Believers are to be separate and distinct.

I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-20

Living our lives guided by the Holy Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Galatians 5:24

“One must keep on pointing out that Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance.

The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.”

—C.S. Lewis

Plague on the livestock of the Egyptians

And the next day the LORD did it: All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites died. Pharaoh sent men to investigate and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died. Yet his heart was unyielding and he would not let the people go. Exodus 9:6-7

Plagues

- Livestock Exodus 9:6
- Boils Exodus 9:9

So they took soot from a furnace and stood before Pharaoh. Moses tossed it into the air, and festering boils broke out on men and animals. The magicians could not

*stand before Moses because of the boils that were on them and on all the Egyptians. **Exodus 9:9-10***

Plague of Boils

*But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses. **Exodus 10:12***

- Hail Exodus 9:13-33
- Locusts Exodus 10:7

Pharaoh said, "The Lord be with you—if I let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are bent on evil.

No! Have only the men go; and worship the Lord, since that's what you have been asking for." Then Moses and Aaron were driven out of Pharaoh's presence.

Exodus 10:10-11

2. Go worship your God, but leave your children behind.

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Two ways Christian parents must help their children, keeping them distinct in this culture.

- Saturate them with the Word of God.

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. **Psalm 119:11***

- Limit exposure to the world's value system.

Jesus told us Satan's purpose.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

Plague of Darkness

*Then the Lord said to Moses,
“Stretch out your hand toward the
sky so that darkness will spread
over Egypt—darkness that can be
felt.”* **Exodus 10:21**

*So Moses stretched out his hand
toward the sky, and total darkness
covered all Egypt for three days.
No one could see anyone else or
leave his place for three days. Yet
all the Israelites had light in the
places where they lived.*

Exodus 10:22-23

Pharoah offers another compromise.

*Then Pharaoh summoned Moses
and said, “Go, worship the Lord.
Even your women and children
may go with you; only leave your
flocks and herds behind.”*

Exodus 10:24

3. Go worship your God, but leave your possessions behind.

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“Worship God, but you don’t have to be too different.”

But the Bible says, “*Do not be conformed to this world.*”

“Worship God, but let your children be deeply involved in Egypt.”

But the Bible says, “*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*”

Joshua’s challenge before crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land

“Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:14

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15

"Worship God, but leave your flocks and your herds behind."
But the Bible says, "*whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus*"

Jesus is the only way to eternal life.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

It is easy to compromise and miss eternal life for destruction.

*“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. **Matthew 7:13-14***