



# epic fail

## — Pharaoh – The Hard Way —

Hebrews 11

Small Group Plan

### OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- What do you consider the greatest example of faith you have ever seen? Why?
- Who have you seen (heard about) make the biggest sacrifice for their faith?

### LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

#### — HEBREWS 11:24-28 —

<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. <sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. <sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. <sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup> By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

- What choices did Moses make because of his faith?
- What enabled Moses to persevere through difficult times? v 27
- Based on this passage, describe Moses' value system. What does he value, and how do we see that play out?
- How old was Moses when he made the choice mentioned here (Acts 7:20-27)?
- Describe the tension in v. 27b (keeping our eyes on an invisible God). How did Moses do this? How can we do this?

### USE IT / APPLY IT ...

- According to v. 25 Moses chose sharing with his people's suffering over the "fleeting pleasures of sin."
  - ✓ What reasons may have led Moses to make that choice?

- ✓ What issues in a person's life force you to choose between obeying God and enjoying some fleeting pleasures of sin?
- ✓ What resources could help you choose to follow and obey God instead?
- How have you adopted the world's value system (See 1 John 2:15–17)?
- How does your life and values and choices compare with Moses'?
- Are there any choices (big or small) that you need to make in response to this teaching?
- Meditate on Ephesians 2:10 this week.
  - ✓ As you think about how this verse is illuminated in the life of Moses, consider what God has placed in you and potentially prepared for you to do. How has he formed you/shaped you?
  - ✓ What's your next step to live this out by faith?
  - ✓ Are you playing it safe or is your faith leading you to venture out and take risks?
- Close in prayer.