



RESCUED FROM COMPROMISE

Exodus 8:1 – 10:29

- In Exodus 8-10 we find Moses and the Pharaoh of Egypt battling back and forth through a series of arguments that, when unresolved, would be followed by plagues sent by the Lord upon the Egyptians.
- *When you think of enemies, who comes to your mind?*
- Every Christian has three great enemies - 1) the World – the invisible spiritual system that is opposed to God (1 John 2:15-17), 2) Our “Flesh” – our sinful nature (Romans 7:14-25), and 3) The Devil (1 Peter 5:8-9).
- These enemies will try to get us to compromise in our relationship with, love for and dependence upon the Lord (Exodus 8-10).
- *What steps do we need to take to refrain from compromising with the Lord so we live victorious lives and can go forward with the Lord?*

We Can Overcome Compromise In Our Lives By:

LEAVING THE PLAYGROUNDS OF WORLD

- *“Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. ‘All right! Go ahead and offer sacrifices to your God,’ he said. ‘But do it here in this land.’ But Moses replied, ‘That wouldn’t be right. The Egyptians detest the sacrifices that we offer to the Lord our God. Look, if we offer our sacrifices here where the Egyptians can see us, they will stone us. We must take a three-day trip into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, just as he has commanded us.”* (Exodus 8:25-27)
- **We must live differently and go to different places than the world if we are to live victorious lives.**
- *“Let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.”* (2 Corinthians 7:1)
- *“Give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind He will accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will really is.”* (Romans 12:1-2)

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WALKING PASSIONATELY WITH THE LORD

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three-day trip into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, just as He has commanded us.’ ‘All right, go ahead,’ Pharaoh replied. ‘I will let you go into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord your God. But don’t go too far away.’” (Exodus 8:25-28)

- **We must have an obvious passionate relationship with the Lord that leads us to “push way out there” if we are to live victorious lives.**
- Jesus – *“You are to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)*
- Jesus – *“If a person is ashamed of Me and My message in these adulterous and sinful days, I, the Son of Man, will be ashamed of that person when I return.” (Mark 8:38)*
- *“Do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord.” (2 Timothy 1:8)*
- Jesus – *“I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, I will spit you out of My mouth.” (Revelation 3:15-16)*

We Can Overcome Compromise In Our Lives By:

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN FROM THE WORLD

- *“So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. ‘All right,’ he told them, ‘go and worship the Lord your God. But who exactly will be going with you?’ Moses replied, ‘We will all go - young and old, our sons and daughters, and our flocks and herds. We must all join together in celebrating a festival to the Lord.’ Pharaoh retorted, ‘The Lord will certainly need to be with you if I let you take your little ones! I can see through your evil plan. Never! Only the men may go and worship the Lord, since that is what you requested.’ And Pharaoh threw them out of the palace.” (Exodus 10:8-11)*
- **We must raise our children in godliness (rather than worldliness) if our children are to live victorious lives.**
- Paul to Christian Parents – *“Bring your children up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)*
- **Keeping our children “out of Egypt” involves: (Dennis Rainey, Family Life Today)**
 - **Clarifying our goals for our children**
 - **Becoming students of our children**
 - **Building a security base for our children**
 - **Balancing the instruction of our children**
 - **Using life to illustrate genuine Christianity to our children**
 - **Modeling genuine Christianity to our children**
 - **Exposing our children to godly individuals and families**
- Joshua – *“As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)*

We Can Overcome Compromise In Our Lives By:

SURRENDERING OUR POSSESSIONS TO THE LORD

- *“Finally, Pharaoh called for Moses. ‘Go and worship the Lord,’ he said. “But leave your flocks and herds here. You may even take your little ones with you.’ ‘No,’ Moses said, ‘you must provide us with animals for sacrifices and burnt offerings to the Lord our God. All our livestock must go with us, too; not a hoof can be left behind. We must choose our sacrifices for the Lord our God from among these animals. And we won’t know how we are to worship the Lord until we get there.’” (Exodus 10:25-26)*
- **We must dedicate all that we are, possess and dream of to the Lord if we are to live victorious lives.**
- *“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all it’s people belong to Him.” (Psalm 24:1)*
- *“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces. Then He will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow . . .” (Proverbs 3:9-10)*

- **Where our “treasure” is, our “heart” will be also (Matthew 6:21).**
- **There are many consequences to “staying in the world.”**
- **If we “stay close to the world” we will become:**
 - **Companions with the world (James 4:4)**
 - **Contaminated by the world (James 1:27)**
 - **Conformed to the world (Romans 12:2)**
 - **Condemned with the world (1 Corinthians 11:32)**
- *“It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.” (Hebrews 11:24-27)*
- **When we live by FAITH we can overcome temptations and trials and live vibrant and victorious lives.**