



Purpose Over Popularity

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

- Jesus gives us a better invitation.

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

- Jesus has invited us to join Him.

Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

- The yoke is easy because Jesus has done the heavy lifting.

Hebrews 11:24 (NIV)

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

- To surrender popularity to embrace purpose requires faith.
- We have to care more about what the King thinks than those in the kingdom.

Hebrews 11:25-26 (NIV)

He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ 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.

Exodus 2:11-15 (NIV)

One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. ¹² Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. ¹³ The next day he went out and saw two Hebrews fighting. He asked the one in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" ¹⁴ The man said, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and thought, "What I did must have become known." ¹⁵ When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.

- His actions spoke louder than his words.

Hebrews 11:27-28 (NIV)

By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

- In order to choose purpose over popularity, we have to fix our eyes on the right thing.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- When we get in the yoke with Jesus, we will end up in the best place.