

## Gaining Confidence

Hebrews 11:23-28

Hebrew 11:27 “By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.”

Purpose: To identify ourselves as the people of God.

Purpose: Our faith shapes our identity.

Introduction:

# A lawyer at the county jail in San Jose, Ca. cursed and yelled at a lady policeman at the front desk. She scurried to secure an inmate scheduled for court that day. I felt his demeanor and language towards her crossed the line of acceptable civil behavior. I said to him, “I don’t appreciate the way you treated that lady.”

He took a step backwards and apologized. Then he asked, “Who are you?”  
“Lyle Pointer.”

Looking around to see who was listening, he asked again, “What do you do around here?”

1. He wanted to know my identity and that meant knowing what position of authority I held.
2. We each establish an identity; we decide who we are going to be.
3. Who are you?
  - a. How do you identify yourself?
  - b. How does God describe you?
4. What were the building blocks of Moses’ identity?

I. He was cherished as a child. (Exodus 1:22-2:10)

- A. The saw he was a “fine child.”
- B. His parents risked their lives for him.
- C. They valued him.

#Will Crawford repeated the father who called son, “Dummy.” “He knows his name,” Will said.

II. He chose to belong to the people of God.(Hebrews 11:25)

- A. Moses had a choice
- B. He could be the son of the King’s daughter.
- C. Or he could belong to the Israelites.

III. Moses accepted mistreatment over sin’s pleasures.

- A. What we value determines our identity.
- B. He could have the treasures of Egypt.
- C. He looked beyond the immediate to the final reward.
- D. Moses chose to believe in the invisible God.
  1. The most compelling issues of life are not the observable, but the invisible.
  2. Moses decided God would be his leader.

Conclusion:

1. Who are you?
2. How do you identify yourself?
3. How does God describe you?
4. Prayer: “Lord, place your identifying mark upon us. May we be known by our love for you and others.”