

AVOIDING REGRETS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Regrets are painful, but they're also avoidable

LET'S GET STARTED

When it comes to regrets, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." In this message, we will use the story of Moses' death as a backdrop for considering how we should deal with our regrets, and, more importantly, how to avoid regrets before they happen.

THE DEATH OF MOSES

God shows Moses the Promised Land (vv. 1-4).

Moses dies (vv. 5-9).

Moses' legacy (vv. 10-12).

¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Hebrews 11:24-28—²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. 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. ²⁷ 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 sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Quotable

When we intentionally choose God over our desires, we position ourselves to live a life without great regrets.

—Crystal McDowell

The pain of discipline is always less than the pain of regret!

—Rick Godwin

If you would like to know more

Finding Peace: God's Promise of a Life Free from Regret, Anxiety, and Fear, by Charles Stanley (Thomas Nelson, 2007)

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DEALING WITH REGRETS—AHEAD OF TIME, AND AFTER

What's *good* about regret?

Regrets encourage _____ (Proverbs 11:2; James 4:6).

Regrets help us avoid _____ past mistakes and sins (Isaiah 38:17).

Avoiding regrets

Resolve to _____ in all things, by His enabling grace (Psalm 119:10-11).

Constantly seek to stay _____ to _____ (Proverbs 4:23).

_____ and _____ before you act (Proverbs 19:2).

Dealing with past regrets

1. _____ them (Proverbs 5:11-14; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10).

2. _____ them (1 John 1:9).

3. _____ them (Proverbs 28:13).

4. _____ (Philippians 3:13-14).

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put today's truth into practice by seeing regret as our helpful counselor, but not our constant companion!

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