

YES | NO

Words That Define Your Life

Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.
Matthew 5:33-37

Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned.
James 5:12

I. Review:

Yes is a word that reflects integrity.

One of the areas that we see integrity violated is called conditional integrity.

II. Let your "NO" be "NO"

No is a word that reflects BOUNDARIES

No is the word that allows PRIORITIES, BALANCE and EXCELLENCE in our lives.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

III. No brings GREAT THINGS to life.

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Hebrews 11:24

How **NO** helped Moses:

1. He accepted **RESPONSIBILITY** – Verse 25
He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.
2. He **MATURED** – Verse 24
By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter
3. He established a **VALUE SYSTEM** for his life – Verse 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.
4. He had **COURAGE** – Verse 27
By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.
5. He had **FAITH** – Verses 27-29
By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. 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. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.
6. He had **STRENGTH** – Verse 27
By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.