

Ep. 1158: Has My Christianity Been Compromised?

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- 1. What was God's plan for His people who were enslaved in Egypt? How can we apply to our lives the lessons the Israelites experienced while trying to leave Egypt? (See Exodus 3:17-20, 1 Peter 5:8)
- 2. What were the first four plagues and who specifically did each one impact? Why was the fourth different? Why do you think this plague convinced Pharaoh to compromise? (See Exodus 7:16, 8:22-27)
- 3. What was Pharaoh's first compromise? Why was this not acceptable to Moses? Why would sacrificing within Egypt have been an "abomination" to the Egyptians? (See Exodus 8:25-27)
- 4. In our metaphor, why is sacrificing in Egypt representative of being an "Incognito Christian"? What is the consequence of this compromise? How does the man who buried his talent fit the description of an Incognito Christian? How might some of your actions reflect compromising in this way? (See Exodus 8:25-27, Matthew 25:24-30)
- 5. What was Pharaoh's second compromise? What is the danger in being a "Convenient Christian"? What "convenient" excuses are given in the Luke verses? How does Jesus respond? How is Lot a negative example for us? How might this type of compromise apply in your life? (See Exodus 8:29, Luke 9:57-62)
- 6. What was the third compromise from Pharaoh? It seems like he is okay with letting the sacrifices be done at a distance, but why was this not acceptable to Moses? What are our true responsibilities as Christians? What actions might lead to becoming a "Neglectful Christian"? (See Exodus 10:10-11, Colossians 3:15-24)
- 7. In the fourth compromise, what additional concessions did Pharaoh make? Were these enough for Moses? As an "Insecure Christian," why would the "flocks and herds" metaphorically tie us to Egypt? (See Exodus 10:25-26, Joshua 24:15) How can we apply not leaving *one hoof behind* in Egypt in our lives?
- 8. What is the difference between *preference* and *principle*? Is it appropriate to sacrifice our preferences for others? Give some practical examples of compromise of preference. (See Romans 12:9-10, Romans 14:2-3,13-14)
- 9. Explain the statement, "We do not change for the comfort of others, but for their highest spiritual welfare." How does this relate to and expand on question 8? (See 1 Corinthians 8:10-13)
- 10. Using 2 Timothy 2:14-16, explain how we should handle serious disagreement with others who hold different viewpoints from our own on scriptural concepts.
- 11. What should we do if there are disputes among our brethren, especially if they are within our close fellowship? Why is this so important? How does it relate to compromise? (See Philippians 4:1-3)

