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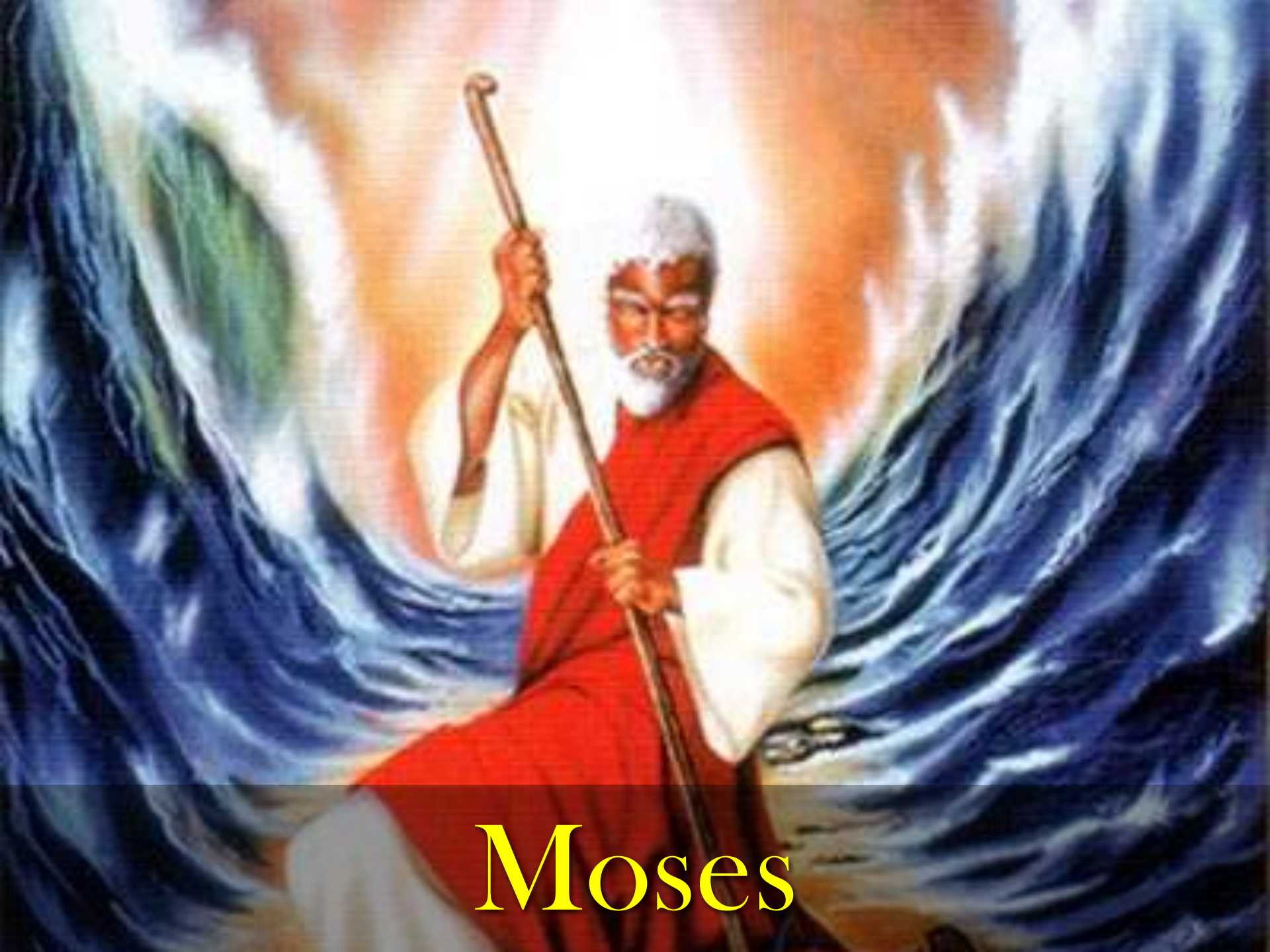
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Resolved (ekrina, Gk.)

- a firm determination to do something.



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 - Genesis
 - Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy & Psalm 90



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choices and then
our choices
make us.

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Which would you choose?

Deceptive living
causes enormous
tension in the
human soul.

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Who are you
letting determine
your identity?

Refuse to be Defined by Other People

Who are you
trying to fool and
why are you trying
to do it?

Refuse to be Defined by Other People

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your mind from within, so you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good.”

(Romans 12:2, PH)

Refuse to be Defined by Other People

“Don’t follow the
crowd in doing
wrong!”

(Exodus 23:2)

Refuse to be Defined by Other People

“Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts.”

(1 Thess. 2:4, NLT)

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“They are no more
defined by the world
than I am defined by
the world!”

(John 17:6, MSG)

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- 2) People Pleasing which says “I must be liked by you to be happy.”

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I resolve to follow
Jesus Christ and I
will refuse to be
defined by other
people.

3) How to Choose Your Identity...



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“I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope”

(Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)

Real success in life is being
exactly what you were
created to be...
nothing more and
nothing less.

A. Self-evaluation.

Look closely at yourselves.
Test yourselves to see if you
are living in the faith. You
know that Jesus Christ is in
you—unless you fail the test.
(2 Cor. 13:5, NCV)

B. Walk in Your New Identity.

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But to all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God.

(John 1:12, TLB)



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