

CHOOSE THIS DAY

Sunday, November 12th, 2017



Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15

Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God. ² Joshua said to the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods.

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³ But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan...¹⁴ “So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve.

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Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶ The people replied, “We would never abandon the Lord and serve other gods. ¹⁷ For the Lord our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt.

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He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us. ¹⁸ It was the Lord who drove out the Amorites and the other nations living here in the land. So we, too, will serve the Lord, for he alone is our God.” ¹⁹ Then Joshua warned the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy and jealous God.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. ²⁰ If you abandon the Lord and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you.” ²¹ But the people answered Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” ²² “You are a witness to your own decision,” Joshua said. “You have chosen to serve the Lord.” “Yes,” they replied, “we are witnesses to what we have said.”

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²³ “All right then,” Joshua said, “destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God. We will obey him alone.” ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day at Shechem, committing them to follow the decrees and regulations of the Lord. (NLT)



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Relational dysfunction
is rooted in treating people
simply as a means
to your desired ends

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Relational wholeness
is rooted in mutually serving;
advocating for the other

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God wants us to trust Him with
our entire life, beyond just our
“spiritual life”

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Long lasting relationships
are built on a continual
renewal of commitment

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It's easy to turn "we" into "me"
if we aren't focused on
the mission of God to the world

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He (God) > We (Family) > Me

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As for you and your family/
household, who are you
committed to serve?

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How are you doing with your continued, daily renewal of your commitment to God?

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The church needs you,
how are you engaged
in serving in and through
the church?

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