

Undivided

Read: Joshua 23:1-16

Main Idea: God deserves your undivided loyalty, because He has never spoken a word that did not come true.

Key Verses: “And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed.”
(Joshua 23:14)

Key Principles

- Remembering how God has delivered you keeps you from crediting your own strength for victories only He could win.
- Spiritual strength is measured less by what we accomplish and more by our steady obedience to what God has already written.
- God calls us to cling to Him as closely as a husband holds to his wife, so a casual or part-time devotion falls short of what He deserves.
- Obedience that flows from love is a grateful response to God's grace, never a way to earn His favor.
- The loyalties we allow to grow unchecked today can become the snares and thorns that wound us tomorrow.
- Believers who claim God's promises while ignoring His warnings are trusting a god of their own making, not the faithful God of Scripture.

Discussion

1. Why did Joshua point Israel's leaders to what the Lord had done rather than to his own accomplishments? What moments of God's faithfulness in your life are worth retelling?
2. What kind of strength does it take to obey God's Word? Where are you most tempted to drift from what Scripture clearly says?
3. How does remembering that God fought Israel's battles, so that one man could chase a thousand, shape the command to “be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God?”
4. What loyalties today can quietly compete with our devotion to God the way the nations left in the land competed with Israel's? How can we tell when a good thing has become a rival?
5. Why is it tempting to hold on to God's promises of blessing while ignoring His warnings? How does seeing His warnings as part of His faithfulness change the way you hear them?
6. Where has your loyalty to God been divided, and what specific step will you take this week to hold fast to Him alone?

Prayer

- Pray that our church would hold fast to the Lord with undivided loyalty.
- Pray for:
 - Our leaders to point people to God's faithfulness, not their own.
 - Courage to keep all of God's Word without turning aside.
 - Grace to believe God's warnings as surely as His promises.

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Joshua 23

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| I. | <u>Follow</u> God without <u>turning</u>. | 23:1-8 |
| 1. | <u>Recall</u> what God <u>accomplished</u> . | 23:1-5 |
| 2. | <u>Keep</u> what God <u>commanded</u> . | 23:6-8 |
| II. | <u>Love</u> God without <u>rivals</u>. | 23:9-13 |
| 1. | Guard your <u>heart</u> . | 23:9-11 |
| 2. | Guard your <u>loyalties</u> . | 23:12-13 |
| III. | <u>Trust</u> God without <u>exception</u>. | 23:14-16 |
| 1. | Believe His <u>good</u> <u>words</u> . | 23:14 |
| 2. | Believe His <u>hard</u> <u>words</u> . | 23:15-16 |

NEXT WEEK:
Don't Forget!
Joshua 24