

Don't Forget!

Read: Joshua 24:1-33

Main Idea: We must actively remember and testify of God's faithfulness to strengthen our commitment to serve Him above all else.

Key Verses: “And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”
(Joshua 24:15)

Key Principles

- Our story with God begins with His grace, not our goodness, so we should tell it with Him at the center.
- Everything good we enjoy is a gift we did not earn, and remembering that keeps pride in check.
- Claiming God's blessings while clinging to other loyalties is partial discipleship, and God calls us to put every rival away.
- Good things like money, comfort, and even family become idols when they stop being God's gifts and become our goals.
- Sincere words in a high moment are not a surrendered life, so our promises to God must be matched by lasting obedience.
- Faith does not pass automatically to the next generation, so we must tell our children what God has done while we can.

Discussion

1. Why did Joshua retell Israel's history with God acting in nearly every sentence? How would your testimony sound told that way?
2. Which blessings in your life, like the land and cities Israel did not build (v. 13), are easiest to take credit for instead of thanking God?
3. What modern gods compete for our loyalty like the gods beyond the River and in Egypt? Why are they so hard to put away?
4. How does Joshua's resolve in verse 15 challenge the way you lead your home? What would deciding today instead of someday look like?
5. Why would Joshua tell people who had just promised to serve God, “You are not able?” What does that teach about sincere intentions?
6. Who is one younger person you will tell your story to this week, since Israel stayed faithful only while those who saw God's works lived (v. 31)?

Prayer

- Pray for a church that remembers God's faithfulness and passes it on.
- Pray for:
 - Homes that will stand like Joshua and serve the Lord together.
 - Courage to put away the rivals that divide our loyalty.
 - Faithfulness that outlasts us and reaches the next generation.

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Joshua 24

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| I. | Recall the <u>works</u> God has <u>done</u>. | 24:1-13 |
| 1. | <u>Remember</u> His <u>grace</u> . | 24:1-10 |
| 2. | <u>Receive</u> His <u>gift</u> . | 24:11-13 |
| II. | Renounce the <u>idols</u> God has <u>forbidden</u>. | 24:14-18 |
| 1. | <u>Choose</u> Him <u>today</u> . | 24:14-15 |
| 2. | <u>Confess</u> His <u>works</u> . | 24:16-18 |
| III. | Renew the <u>vow</u> God has <u>required</u>. | 24:19-28 |
| 1. | <u>Count</u> the <u>cost</u> . | 24:19-24 |
| 2. | <u>Confirm</u> your <u>commitment</u> . | 24:25-28 |
| IV. | Receive the <u>rest</u> God has <u>given</u>. | 24:29-33 |
| 1. | <u>Serve</u> to the <u>end</u> . | 24:29-31 |
| 2. | <u>Stand</u> on His <u>promises</u> . | 24:32-33 |

NEXT WEEK:
Walking in the Light
1 John 1:1-2:2