

PROMISES & POWER

Commitment
Message 10

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- **Conversion to _____.**
(Joshua 24:5-7. C/R: John 8:34-36; Romans 6:20-22)

► Outline

"... choose today whom you will serve. ..."

Joshua 24:15 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Joshua 24:1)

- **Conquest of _____ Land.**
(Joshua 24:8-13. C/R: Ephesians 3:19-20; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

B. Commitment to God encouraged by... (Joshua 24:2-33)

1. Results of God's _____. (Joshua 24:2-13)

- **Call to _____.**
(Joshua 24:2-4. C/R: 2 Corinthians 5:20; Titus 1:1)

2. Rejecting worldly _____. (Joshua 24:14-33. C/R: Romans 12:1-2; Colossians 3:3-6; 1 John 2:15-17; 5:21)

Answers: 1. grace, faith, freedom, Promised 2. idols

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

What impact did your parents' view of God have on you?

Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Joshua 24.

1. Shechem was a place of rich history for Israel. At least four notable events occurred there in the lives of the patriarchs (see Genesis 12:6-7; 33:16-20; 34; 35:1-5). Can you think of a place and time God met you in a powerful way? Share this experience with your group.
2. God brought Israel out of Egypt as *a free people* (vs. 5)? What are ways Christ has set you free? See also John 8:31-36 and Galatians 5:1.
3. Through Joshua, the Lord summarized most of the Exodus journey with this one sentence, *then you lived in the wilderness for many years* (vs. 7). Have you ever experienced a season like that? What helped you draw closer to God?
4. The Israelites were confident in their desire to serve the Lord and said so four times (vs. 16, 18, 21, 24). So why did Joshua tell the people they were *not able to serve the Lord* (vs. 19-20)? What did he mean?
5. The word *serve* is used 16 times in this chapter. What does it mean to serve God?
6. What do you sometimes choose instead of God? How can you overcome this internal battle? See also Romans 7:18:25; 8:5-11.
7. Why is choice (vs. 24) so important for Israel and for us? See also Deuteronomy 30:11-20.
8. How is choosing God a one-time decision and a continuous action?

9. What does it mean that the stone was a witness (vs. 22-28)? Why would that have been significant to the Israelites?
10. Before God challenged Israel, He reminded them of His faithfulness. Describe a time God's faithfulness strengthened your commitment to Him.
11. How do you keep the fire burning in your heart to serve God?
12. The book of Joshua begins with the death of Moses and ends with the death of Joshua. How are these heroes both similar to and different from Jesus?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these will become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Write down several ways God has worked in your life. Don't overthink it. Simply make a note as things come to mind. Spend time in prayer, thanking Him for His faithful love. Give your heart space to feel a deep sense of gratitude. Renew your commitment to God as you reflect on ways He's rescued and cared for you.

Memory Verse

"But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. ... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." **Joshua 24:15 (NLT)**

Daily Reading

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 5:20 Day 4: Colossians 3:3-6
Day 2: Romans 6:20-22 Day 5: 1 John 2:15-17
Day 3: Ephesians 3:19-20

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 19, we'll begin a 2-part series titled *New Life*. To prepare, read **Ephesians 1:3-14**.



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