

**JOSHUA:** *presence, courage, action.*

Choose This Day - Joshua 24:1-33

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...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**

## I. ANOTHER HISTORY LESSON

- God has acted in history, and he will not let Israel forget that. God has also acted decisively in history through Jesus, something we must not forget nor deny (vss. 1-13; 1 Cor. 15:1-11).
- Israel's response to God's work is to remain faithful (vs. 14).

## II. THE COVENANT RENEWED

- The people boldly proclaim, with Joshua, that they will serve the Lord (vss. 15-18).
- Joshua warns the people that serving the Lord is not an easy task - he is a holy God. Jesus and the apostles echo Joshua's warning in the New Testament (vss. 19-20; Luke 9:57-62; 14:34-35; 2 Pet. 2:20-22).
- A seventh, and final, memorial is established in the land as a witness to the people's vow to serve the Lord. We need reminders (Josh. 4:20; 7:26; 8:28-29, 30-32; 10:27; 22:34; 24:26-27).

## III. FOUR FUNERALS

- The book of Joshua closes as it opened, with a funeral. The generations of the exodus have passed - what will the future hold? (vs. 31; Judges 2:1-15)
- How will the story end for you? (Ps. 39:4-5; 2 Cor. 13:5, 11)

**KNOW:** The story of Joshua ends on a positive note, but with an ominous sense concerning the future. Number your days, and purpose in your heart to follow the Lord.

**DO:** Know today how the story ends for you.

### Recommended Reading:

*The Pursuit of Holiness*, Jerry Bridges (LifePoint Library #248.4 BRI)

*Israel & the Nations*, F.F. Bruce & David Payne

*Joshua and the Flow of Biblical History*, Francis Shaeffer

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### Please Read Joshua 24

1. Why do you think God recounts the history of Israel?
2. What converted Israel's forefathers from paganism to the worship of the one true God? (see verses 2-3)
3. What is Joshua's call to the people in response to God's history lesson? (see verse 14)
4. In verse 19 Joshua tells the people that they are "not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God." What do you think he meant by that?
5. What would you say has been a few of the overall themes from the book of Joshua?
6. What are some of your main takeaways from our study of Joshua?