

BE VICTORIOUS, CHOOSE GOD!

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In Joshua 23 and 24, Joshua was 110 years old and at the end of his time on earth. He addressed the people he had led into the Promised Land and pointed out God's faithfulness and greatness throughout their journey from Egypt to Canaan. Joshua reminded the elders that God has been the one fighting for them (Joshua 23:3). This is also true for us today. God is the one fighting our battles, and through Him we have victory (1 Corinthians 15:57). If we want to be victorious, we must follow the footsteps of Joshua who obeyed God wholeheartedly. Joshua was victorious because he chose to serve the Almighty God who promised to be with Him. Why should we choose God and what does it look like to serve Him?

WHY: GOD IS FAITHFUL (JOSHUA 23:1-5, 24:1-13)

As Joshua looked back at his life and their journey, he saw that God had been faithful to the Israelites. Even when they were unfaithful, not one word of His promises had failed. Joshua narrated all the things that God had done for them – how He delivered, protected, and provided for them, gave them victory against their enemies, and brought them into the land He had promised. Do we have the same perspective in our lives? Do we ever take the time to think about and thank God for all that He has done in our life? We choose God because He is faithful and unchanging. In Him we move, live, and have our being – every breath we have is a gift from God!

WHAT: OBEY, SET APART, SERVE (JOSHUA 23:6-7, 24:14-27)

Joshua tells the Israelites the same words God gave him from the beginning – to be strong and be careful to obey all of God's commands (Joshua 1:7-8). He then warned them not to associate with things that will draw their hearts away from God. Finally, he instructed them to serve God only. Serving God means being set

apart from the world and living a life that is pleasing to Him. This requires a deep commitment to God, as well as a willingness to let go of anything that hinders our relationship with Him. Joshua declared before the people that he and his family will serve the Lord, and he encouraged the Israelites to do the same. Ultimately, serving God means choosing Him above all else and dedicating our lives to His purposes. At the end of the day, we are all serving someone or something. The question is: who are we serving? We need to be careful of the modern "idols" that take up God's rightful place as Master and Lord of our lives. To choose God is to obey and be set apart for Him.

HOW: CLING TO GOD (JOSHUA 23:8-13)

Joshua instructs the people to cling to the Lord and to love Him. This means staying close to God and making Him the center of our lives. The journey from Egypt to the Promised Land should have only taken the Israelites 11 days. But because they did not "stay close" to the Lord, God gave them a 40-year wilderness experience. Sometimes we are like the Israelites, we wander in our hearts again and again. But God is saying, "If you hold fast to Me, I will be your victory". God made this possible through His Son Jesus Christ who clung to us first by dying on the cross for our sins. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus made it possible for us to have a relationship with God and receive the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

The only kind of life that is worth living is the one where we choose God each day of our life. By God's grace, we can someday tell our story of how "not one of God's good promises has failed" to our children and our children's children. Be victorious – choose God!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

JOSHUA 24:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some examples or stories of how God has been good and faithful in your life?

Is there anything in your life that you need to stop doing because it gets in the way of choosing God?

In what concrete way can you serve God today?



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God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments —Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13



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