

Sermon Study Guide



#14: The Choice is Yours

Series: *Courage in the Crucible*

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In this study on the book of Joshua, we learn how we can stand courageous when trials, difficult situations, opposition, and inevitable changes surround us.

Reflect

What is a decision in your life that you could have made but did not make and which eventually led to regret?

Read and Discuss

Scripture

Joshua 24:1-33

Discussion Questions

In Joshua 24 we learn four principle regarding choices to guide us to make right choices in life and to keep them so we can make bold decision for the Lord:

1. ***Make correct life decisions by remembering who God is and what He has done (v. 1-15).***
This is such an important principle that while we should make decisions based on God, it is natural that we look through the lenses of what is beneficial for us. Why is it important for believers to remember God when we make decisions and not look at what is simply beneficial for us? Share an instance in your life where you chose to follow the Lord over simply choosing what is beneficial for you.
2. ***Weigh life decision options based on the evidence of facts (v. 16-18).*** God doesn't ask us to blindly follow Himself. God gives us the reasons to weigh the facts before we choose to follow Him. What were the reasons mentioned in Joshua 24:16-18 that the Israelites used as the basis for choosing to follow God? Share five (5) tangible facts/reasons to which you hold on as to why you have chosen to follow the living God.
3. ***Consider the seriousness of life decisions because choices have consequences (v. 19-22).***

Spiritual decisions are not to be taken lightly. We must try our best to honor our commitments to God. Why do you think that at times, people would choose to honor their earthly commitments to their boss more than their commitments to the Lord? What personal commitments have you made to the Lord in your life and how have you adjusted your life in order to honor that commitment?

4. ***Keep accountable to life decisions by taking actions to ensure success (v. 23-27).*** What safeguard actions did the Israelites put up so that they can remind themselves to honor their commitments to the Lord? What accountability actions can we also put up so we can remind ourselves of our commitments to the Lord?

Respond

In Walk: What did God teach me through the sermon this week? How does it affect my life today?

In Prayer: Our gracious and loving heavenly Father, we remember Your goodness and we thank You for being faithful to us all the time. Thank You for Your message to us today. We ask that You help us and empower us to make decisions that are driven by the desire to honor and obey You. Guide us daily as we consistently make decisions in our lives especially knowing that the choices we make everyday will reverberate throughout eternity. Help us to honor You by making decisions towards following You. This is our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.