

Remember... Joshua 23:1-16 #15 in the series *The Venture and Victory of Faith* on the book of Joshua Pastor Lyle L. Wahl April 28, 2024

Remember that God has been and will be faithful to you.

- Specifically: God gave them the land as He promised. (1-5, 9-10; see also 1:1-9; 8:7; 10:14, 19, 42; 21:43; Genesis 12:1-7; 13:14-17; 15:13-21; Deuteronomy 7:1-2; 32:28-30)
- Universally: All of God's good words have been and will be fulfilled. (14-15; see also 21:45; 1 Kings 8:56; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 13:8)

Remember to be faithful to God.

- Some of what that involves.
 (6-8, 11; see also 22:5; Deuteronomy 5:32-33; 11:1, 8-9, 18-25)
- Some of the manner of doing it.
 (6, 8, 11; see also 1:6-9; Deuteronomy 6:5; 10:12; Matthew 22:36-38)

Remember the consequences of not being faithful to God.

- The experience of being unfaithful.
 (13; see also Exodus 23:32-33; 34:12; Numbers 33:55; Deuteronomy 7:16; 12:29-30; Judges 2:1-5; Psalm 106:34-39; Jeremiah 5:26)
- 2. The consequence of being unfaithful.

(12-13, 15-16; see also Leviticus 26:14-33; Numbers 33:56; Deuteronomy 4:25-28; 7:1-4; 28:15-68 cp 1-14; 30:15-20; Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:4-11)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Israel has entered and conquered the land that God promised and gave them. Read 1:1-9, page through the book noting the major points and then read 23:1-16. This book is about the venture and victory of faith. Think through some of the things God has taught you through Joshua. Are they making a difference in the way you live? How? Be specific.

Tuesday. Joshua challenged the nation's leaders to remember that God had been and would continue to be faithful to them. Why was that important for them? Why is it important for you? How does evil and tragedy entering your life fit into all of God's good words, His promises being fulfilled? See verses 14-15 and the other Bible references listed in the outline on this. Do you see and know God as the Faithful One in the worst of times as well as the best of times?

Wednesday. God is faithful to us and we are to remember to be faithful to Him. Walk through verses 6-8 and 11 to go over some of what that involves and how we are to engage and pursue being faithful. Review your faithfulness to God at this mid-point of the week. How are you doing? What do you have to celebrate and also to work on?

Thursday. We are to remember and never forget that there are consequences for not being faithful to God. Why is that an uncomfortable and sometimes difficult-to-remember fact? Relate the experience of being unfaithful described in verse 13 to yourself. The church is not the nation of Israel, but there are consequences for being unfaithful — both individually and collectively. God uses discipline as well as blessing to keep developing us.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to conclude the series in Joshua with *Choose Today* from chapter 24. Read through the chapter as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.

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