



Choose Today!
Joshua 24:1-33
Series: *The Venture and Victory of Faith*
on Joshua, #16
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Choose to serve God.

1. Because of all He has done for you.
(1-13; see also Romans 3:23; 5:1-11; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 1:21-22)
2. Because of who He is.
(19; see also Exodus 20:5; 34:14; Leviticus 11:44; 19:2; Deuteronomy 4:24; Psalm 22:3; 99:3, 4, 9; Isaiah 6:3; 57:15; Nahum 1:2; Habakkuk 1:13; James 3:16; 1 Peter 1:15-16; Revelation 4:8)

The challenge of serving God.

1. You cannot do it on your own.
(19-20; see also 23:8; Exodus 20:6; 23:20-21; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9, 12; 3:20; Philippians 2:13)
2. You cannot do it selectively or casually.
(14, 20, 23-27; see also 1:7; 22:5; 23:6; Deuteronomy 5:32; 10:12; 11:1, 8; John 14:31)
3. You must do it in sincerity and truth.
(14; see also Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 1 Samuel 12:24; Isaiah 33:13-16; John 4:23-24; 17:17; 1 Corinthians 5:8; 2 Corinthians 1:12)

Choose for yourself today whom you will serve!

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. We have finished this march through Joshua. We have surveyed some of the specifics and importance of the venture and victory of faith. Each of us need to choose to serve God because of what He has done for us. Read 24:1-13, noting again Joshua's description of what God had done for Israel. What has God done for you? Write out a description or list of what He has done for you. Thank Him. Choose to serve Him today.

Tuesday. We should choose to serve God because of who He is. There are many sparkling jewels in God's perfect character. Joshua cites two in 24:19: God is a holy God and a jealous God. Why do you think he highlighted these qualities here? How do they, how should they motivate you to serve God today?

Wednesday. Serving God is a challenge. After the people's initial pledge to serve God, Joshua told them "You will not be able to serve the LORD" (19). What did he mean? Check the outline's Bible references on this as well as any notes you made on Sunday. At this mid-point of the week check to see if you have been serving God relying on His grace and strength.

Thursday. Serving God is not a *Sunday thing*, nor is it limited to certain things we do. God calls us to serve Him with all that we are in every place and time. Nor is serving God something we do to satisfy ourselves and others, or to shape it by our ideas of what is right and good. Choose to serve God always in everything and to do so in sincerity and truth.

Friday–Saturday. Sunday is Mother's Day. We will think together about *Being a Great Mother—Lessons From A Mother-In-Law*, based on the Old Testament book of Ruth. Read through the four chapters as you prepare for our time of worship together.