



March Sermon Series

Lessons From the Book of Joshua

Chapter 24

Lesson Thirteen:

It is Time to Make a Choice!

**“You cannot make
progress without making
decisions.”**

Joshua 24:6-13, Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. So, they cried out to the LORD; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time. And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you.

But I gave them into your hand, that you might possess their land, and I destroyed them from before you. Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you—I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Amorites, *but* not with your sword or with your bow. I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

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remembering.... you stop being
thankful.**

1. A Call to Remember

Joshua 24:1-13

**When you stop remembering....
you stop being thankful.**

2. A Call to Choose

Joshua 24:14-18

Joshua 24:14-15, Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

“We begins with me!”

**“Don’t just make good
decisions, make God
decisions.”**

Serving God is a household affair!

Israel's Three Options:

Option 1: They can serve the gods of their ancestors.

Option 2: They can serve the gods of their enemies.

Option 3: They can serve the God of their redemption.

“Every intersection in the road of life is an opportunity to make a decision.”

“It is in your moment of your decision that your destiny is shaped.”

3. A Call to Commit

Joshua 24:25-28

Joshua 24:25-28, So, Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be for a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the Lord which He spoke to us; thus, it shall be for a witness against you, lest you deny your God.

**In every generation, the
Joshua's call is needed.**

**“God wants full custody, not
just weekend visits.”**

**“With increased blessing
from God, must come
increased obedience to
God.”**

4. It is Time to Make a Choice

Matthew 6:24, No man can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love other. Or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

One heart cannot serve two masters. Never hold on to anything tighter than you are holding on to God.

**Choosing God today helps us
to avoid hard times tomorrow.
Including God in every
decision will help us to avoid a
thousand self-inflicted wounds
and ten thousand heartaches.**

**Sometimes the hardest thing
and the right thing are the
same.**

5. Choices Have Consequences!

**“You are free to choose, but
you are not free from the
consequences of your
choice.”**

**“You can’t buy a life at the
dollar store.”**

**It costs something to have a
good and meaningful life.**

6. We Need to Choose Now!

**II Corinthians 6:2, Behold, now
is the accepted time; behold,
now is the day of salvation.**

Hebrews 3:15, Remember what it says: “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled.”

It is the collection of little, daily choices that eventually reveal what our “big” choices are.