



**March Sermon Series**

**Lessons From the Book of Joshua**

**Chapter 22**

**Lesson Twelve:**

**Pursuing Spiritual Passion and  
Wisdom**

**“Challenges are what makes  
life interesting and overcoming  
them is what makes life  
meaningful.”**

# **Pursuit 1: We Need Spiritual Passion**

**Spiritual Passion has to do with our heart – the internal fire that motivates us and energizes us to fulfil our purpose and do God's will.**

# **1. Spiritual Passion is Characterized by Obedience.**

**Joshua 22:2, You have done all  
that Moses the servant of  
the LORD commanded, and you  
have obeyed me in everything  
I commanded.**

**The true test of spiritual passion is not what you say, but what you do.**

**James 2:17, Faith by  
itself, if it is not  
accompanied by action,  
is dead.**

**Joshua 22:5, Be careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you: to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul.”**

## **2. Spiritual Passion is Characterized by Endurance.**

**Joshua 22:3, For a long time now—to this very day—you have not deserted your brothers but have carried out the mission the LORD your God gave you.**

**Spiritual vitality comes from consistency and endurance. We are called not simply to start the race, but to finish it.**

**3. Spiritual Passion is  
Characterized by the Pursuit of  
Holiness.**

**“Modern Christians are too tolerant, too nice, too anxious to be popular, and too quick to make excuses for sin in its many forms. God’s people should be willing to stand for God.”**

# **Pursuit 2: We Need Wisdom**

**“If passion drives you, let  
reason hold the reins.”**

**Wisdom is the ability to think and act using knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense, and insight. The ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting.**

**Proverbs 4:7, Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.**

**Deuteronomy 13:12-14, If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your God is giving you to live in that wicked men have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, “Let us go and worship other gods” (gods you have not known), then you must inquire, probe, and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done among you, you must certainly put to the sword all who live in that town.**

**1. They Talked to The People  
Rather Than About Them.**

**“Assumptions are an attempt to think without information.”**

**2. They Were Direct in Their Approach.**

**3.They Offered A Solution.**

**“Your success is determined  
by your ability to find  
solutions.”**

**Joshua 22:19, “If the land you possess is defiled, come over to the LORD’s land, where the LORD’s tabernacle stands, and share the land with us. But do not rebel against the LORD or against us by building an altar for yourselves, other than the altar of the LORD our God.**

**People would be much more responsive to us if they could see that we really cared about them.**

**4.They Reached a Point of Understanding.**

**“The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply.”**

## **Three Applications:**

- 1. Following Christ Is A Lifestyle and Not A Hobby.**
- 2. The Truth Must Be Defended, Or It Will Be Lost.**
- 3. Rumors Can Be Deadly.**

**“Strong minds discuss ideas,  
average minds discuss events,  
weak minds discuss people.”**

**Philippians 2:2-5, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.**