

Study and Discussion Questions



Joshua's Farewell to the Leaders - [Joshua 23:1-16](#)

Topics: [Advice](#), [Challenge](#), [Consequences](#), [Devotion](#), [Disobedience](#), [Faithfulness](#), [Idolatry](#), [Neighbor](#), [Obedience](#), [Promises](#), [Rewards](#), [Unbelievers](#)

Open It

1. What is one thing you would want to do if you did not have much longer to live?
2. *How seriously would you take a dying friend's last request? Why?

Explore It

3. When did the events of this passage take place? ([23:1](#))
4. Why did Joshua summon the Israelites and all of their leaders? ([23:2](#))
5. *Whom did Joshua credit for Israel's success in subduing their enemies? ([23:3](#))
6. Of what promise did Joshua remind the Israelites? ([23:5](#))
7. What specific advice did Joshua give to Israel? ([23:6](#))
8. Why was it important for Israel not to associate with the nations around them? ([23:7](#))
9. How was Israel capable of conquering the powerful nations that occupied the Promised Land? ([23:9](#))
10. *What did Joshua say would happen to Israel if they turned away from the Lord? ([23:12-13](#))
11. Why was it dangerous for the Israelites to intermarry with their neighbors? ([23:12-13](#))
12. How did Joshua describe what it would be like for Israel if they chose to associate with their neighbors? ([23:13](#))
13. Why is it significant that Joshua gave this advice to Israel when he thought he would die soon? ([23:14](#))
14. What did Joshua believe about the reliability of God's promises? ([23:14](#))
15. *What stipulation was combined with the promise of the Lord's protection of Israel? ([23:16](#))

Get It

16. Why do you think Joshua thought it was necessary to give Israel such a harsh warning?
17. What are some of the promises you have seen God fulfill in your life?
18. *What specific steps can we take to insure that we carefully obey the commands God has given us?
19. With whom, if anyone, do you think God would not want us to associate today?
20. What do you think can be a snare to Christians today as Israel's neighbors were to them?
21. *In what way are the promises and stipulations God gave to Israel applicable to our relationships?
22. In what specific way does this passage encourage or challenge you?

Apply It

23. *What step could you take to protect yourself against the temptations to compromise with the world?
24. What is one promise of the Lord that you would like to remember day by day?

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The Covenant Renewed at Shechem - [Joshua 24:1-33](#)

Topics: [Accountability](#), [Advice](#), [Beliefs](#), [Choices](#), [Commitment](#), [Convictions](#), [Criticism](#), [Devotion](#), [Disobedience](#), [Faithfulness](#), [History](#), [Idolatry](#), [Loyalty](#), [Obedience](#), [Promises](#), [Remembering](#), [Serving](#)

Open It

1. What would you list as the three most significant events in your life?
2. *What benefit do you see in remembering important events from your past?
3. What do you think would be the benefits of keeping a journal about your relationship with God?

Explore It

4. Why did Joshua assemble all of the tribes of Israel at Shechem? ([24:1-2](#))
5. *Why was it necessary for Joshua to remind the Israelites what God had done for them? ([24:1-14](#))
6. What role did Abraham play in the history of Israel? ([24:3](#))
7. Why did the Lord save Israel from the Egyptians? ([24:7](#))
8. What did the Lord give to Israel, and what did He ask in return? ([24:13-14](#))
9. What choice did Joshua present before the Israelites? ([24:15](#))
10. *What decision had Joshua made about his own faith? ([24:15](#))
11. How did the Israelites respond to Joshua's challenge? ([24:16-18](#))
12. Why did Joshua say that the people of Israel were not able to serve the Lord? ([24:19](#))
13. Why did Joshua doubt the sincerity of the people of Israel? ([24:19](#), [23](#))
14. What was keeping the Israelites from fully surrendering to the Lord? ([24:23](#))
15. *What did Joshua do to help the Israelites remember their promise to the Lord? ([24:25](#))
16. In what way could the stone that Joshua set up be a witness for Israel? ([24:27](#))

Get It

17. Why do you think fellowship with other believers is so important?
18. *When is it most helpful for you to be reminded of God's faithfulness in the past?
19. What are the most significant things that you have seen the Lord do in your life?
20. When did you make the decision to serve the Lord?
21. How do you feel when you think about the time that you first came to the Lord?
22. What are some of the things that hinder you from fully surrendering to the Lord?
23. *What is helpful about setting up a "witness" to our commitment to serve the Lord?
24. How can Christians keep each other accountable?

Apply It

25. *What sort of witness could you establish to remind you of your commitment to the Lord?
26. What area of your life do you want to surrender more fully to the Lord?
27. How could you remind a friend of God's faithfulness?