

Finishing Well as a Servant of the Lord: A Leader's Legacy

Sunday, December 8/13 (Joshua 23 - 24)

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15)

Introduction:

In Joshua 23 - 24 we read the words of a great leader who is eager to summarize God's story and remind God's people of their place in that story. Joshua leaves a legacy of obedience in serving the Lord; a service that comes from a life filled with godly choices.

Sermon Outline: To Finish Well...

A. Remember God's Story and your Place in God's Story (23:3 - 11; 24:2 - 13)

B. Encourage Others to find their Place in God's Story (23:1 - 8; 24:1, 14 - 15)

C. Invest in God's Storytellers for the Next Generation (24:16 - 31; Judges 2:6 - 11)

Questions for Reflection:

What are the key 'faith decisions' you have made in the past and what are some of the hard choices that you need to continually make in order to follow Christ? Pray with someone about this.

Key Verses:

"Now I am about to go the way of all the earth.

*You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed.
Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*

Joshua 23:14

*So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build;
and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.'*

Joshua 24:13

Verses of Interest:

Insights Gained:

Joshua's Farewell Address (23:1-16)

Review of Israel's History (24:1-13)

The Covenant Renewal (24:14-28)

Burial of Three Leaders (24:29-33)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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