

*"We make war that we may live in peace." - Aristotle*

Series Recap:

The book of Joshua is a divine call to courage by seeing God's faithfulness as He grows His kingdom through His people.

The Kingdom of God is the reign of Christ the King in the lives of His kingdom people which grows extensively (broader) and intensively (deeper). - Randy Pope

Book of Joshua Outline

- Prologue - calling of Joshua (ch 1)
- Entering the land (ch 2-5)
- Taking the land (ch 6-12)
- Dividing the land (ch 13-21)
- Epilogue - farewell of Joshua (ch 22-24)

When we set out to teach through the book of Joshua, we wanted to point out two primary things:

1. That the people of God have always been plan "A" for bringing the good news to the lost world. Be motivated.
2. That we serve a faithful God in a hostile world. Trust God.

**People often resist mandated religion.**

**People never regret choosing Jesus.**

Scripture: Joshua 23:1-13 and 24:14-18

**Farewell Address to the Leaders (23)**

- Remember the Faithfulness of God (23:1-5)
- He fought for us in the past (1-3)
- He will fight for us in the future (4-5)

**b. Trust in the Wisdom of God (23:6-11)**

- Submit to God's Word (6)

- Cling to the Person of God (7-11)

Will I hold to an expectation that God will do what I think is best for me?

Will I trust that God will do what is best for His Kingdom, which includes me?

If I cling to God through the person of Jesus, trust will follow.

## **Heed the Warning of God (12-16)**

### **Farewell Address to the People (24:1-28)**

- Remember the Faithfulness of God (1-13)
- Through Abraham (1-4)
- Through Moses (5-10)
- Through Joshua (11-13)
- Serve the Lord your God (14-24)
- Make a willful decision (14-18)

“This was the character of Joshua. He chose, and he chose, and he chose, and he kept right on choosing. He understood the dynamics of choice—once-for-all choice and existential choice as well. Thus his word to the people was not an affirmation puffed up on the spur of the moment. It was deeply embedded in Joshua’s comprehension of what is required of a person made in the image of God, one called upon not to obey God like a machine or an animal, but to obey God by choice.” - Francis Schaeffer

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” - John C. Maxwell

Knows the way- has biblical convictions

Goes the way- lives according to those convictions

Shows the way- invites others to do the same

2. Rely on the Lord’s strength (19-24)

3. The Witness Stone (25-28)

**The Lord Brings His Workers Home (24:29-33)**

"God buries his workers, but not His work." - Skip Heitzig

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What would you want to say to those you love in a farewell address?
2. What does it look like to "know the way, go the way, and show the way" while leaving room for others to choose to do the same?
3. In Joshua 23-24, was there a command for you to obey? An example to follow? Or a principle to apply?
4. What sticks out to you from this series? What needs to change, or stay the same, in your life as a result of the book of Joshua?