

How To Make the Right Choice

Joshua 24:1-15

Introduction:

- Joshua was not only a leader but a f_____
- 1. He set the ex_____ of making the right choice
- 2. His message to Israel illustrates how we can make the right choice

Remember Where You Were (1-4)

- Without G_____
- 1. The nation of Israel was formed from the loins of Abraham, whose family served other g_____ (v. 2)
- 2. Every person comes into this w_____ without God
 - a. I Cor 2:14 – *the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God...* (this is the natural, or b_____ state of all humans)
 - b. Eph 2:3 – *we are by nature children of wrath, even as the rest [of mankind].* (No one is born s_____)
- E_____
- 1. For 400 years the people of Israel were in E_____, enslaved and oppressed (v. 4; Gen 15:13)
- 2. All people at one time were enslaved to s_____
 - a. Rom 6:17,20 – *when you were slaves to sin, you were free from righteousness* (all we could do was sin).
 - b. Rom 6:19 – *you presented yourselves as slaves to impurity* (we could c_____ what sins to commit).
 - c. The word “sin” literally means “to miss the m_____ (God’s mark or standard is that we do everything in relationship to Him)

Remember What God Did For You (5-13)

- D_____ from slavery
- 1. God did all the w_____ to free Israel from Egyptian slavery
 - a. He put various p_____ on Egypt (v. 5)
 - b. He p_____ the Red Sea
 - c. He d_____ the Egyptian army (v. 7)
- 2. God did all the work to free us from slavery to sin
 - a. He did all the work on the c_____ (Eph 2:8,9)
 - b. He did all the work in our h_____
 - 1) Jn 16:8,9 – *He [the Holy Spirit] will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me [Jesus]....*
 - 2) Jn 6:44 – *no one can come to Me [Jesus] unless the Father draws him...*
- Empowered to overcome
- 1. God gave Israel p_____ over their enemies (vv. 8-12)
- 2. God gives believers power over s_____
 - a. Rom 6:12 – *do not let sin r_____ in your mortal body, that you should obey its lusts.*
 - b. Heb 12:1 – *lay aside every hindrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes upon J_____.*
 - c. Rom 12:2 – *Do not be con_____ to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

Remember Who You Are (14,15)

- S_____ of God
- 1. Joshua challenged the people of Israel to:
 - a. Sever all connections with other g_____ (v. 14)
 - b. C_____ to serve the Lord (v. 15)
- 2. Every believer is the Lord’s servant
 - a. This does NOT mean that every believer is to be a missionary, pastor or teacher

b. This DOES mean that God wants to accomplish something through us every day (2 Tim 2:21)

- What God desires to do through each believer will be
s_____ because God's work is always significant.

Conclusion – Try this exercise daily

1. Remember where you were spiritually – without God, enslaved to sin.
2. Remember all the work God did to bring you to Jesus – His work on the cross and His work in your heart.
3. Remember who you are – the Lord's servant.
4. Choose this day to serve the Lord – He will use you to impact others in Jesus' name.