

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

JOSHUA 24

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Joshua twenty-four is the calling of the tribes of Israel to come to Shiloh for a commitment to the way of God, before the death of their great leader, Joshua. Joshua gives a brief history of God's working among their fathers to get them to where they were that day. Joshua recalled as far back as Terah, father of Abraham, and how they had served other gods in the Mesopotamia Valley, the land beyond the great river Euphrates. God had given a specific call to Abraham and commanded him to leave the country where he lived and to come to the land where they now lived, and God would give it to him and to his seed as an everlasting inheritance. Those standing there on that day were living proof of God's faithfulness. Joshua recalled the supernatural departure from Egypt and how God had parted the Red Sea in the presence of their fathers and led them through the wilderness for a long time before bringing them into the good land they now had inherited. They had conquered enemies not by their strength or might, but by the gracious hand of a loving God that had gifted them something they did not deserve. He did all of this to show He can be trusted to do what He says He will

do (see 24:12-13). He had given them land they had not cultivated or planted, but they reaped the harvest, all because of the goodness and graciousness of God. Then Joshua challenged those standing there and those to come in every generation of the sons of Israel and every God follower since...

***"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:14-15**

Joshua challenged the people to choose. He had made his choice as to who would be God in his family!

Prayer and Action Steps

Choose you this day whom you will serve! Choose God!

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
