

# Sermon Notes:

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Sermon Title: Family Decisions

## Verses:

Joshua 24:1-33 NIV

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jos.24.1-33.NIV>

Joshua 24:15 NIV

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

## Notes:

### Shechem

- God led Abram to Shechem
- The Lord spoke to Abram...Promising the land (Gen. 12:6-7)
- Jacob built an altar to the Lord (Gen. 33:18-20)
- Jacob buried their idols (Gen. 35:1-5)



### Israel's History with God

- Abraham...Isaac...Jacob and Esau
- Moses and Aaron...“what I did there, and I brought you out.” (v.5)
- They “cried to the Lord for help.” (v.7)
- “they fought against you, but I gave them into your hands.” (v.8)

“...SO HE BLESSED YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND I DELIVERED YOU OUT OF HIS HAND.” JOSHUA 24:10

### What the Lord did for them

- Jericho...He “gave them into your hands.” (v.11)
- Amorites...the Lord drove out...“You did not do it with your own sword and bow.” (v.12)

### The People's Response

- “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!” (v.16)

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## Scriptures

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.' "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord."  
Joshua 24:13-14

### Joshua's Challenge

"You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous god. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the Lord" it will be disaster. (v.19)

### The People Insist

"No! We will serve the Lord." (v.21)



Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.  
Romans 12:1-2

### Joshua Responds

"Throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel." (v.23)

### The People Commit

"We will serve the Lord our God and obey Him." (v.24)

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."  
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### The Rest of the story

"The people served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua."  
(Judges 2:7)



## The sad Part of the story

"After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals." (Judges 2:10-11)

## Daily Application:

- Don't assume your kids get it
- Be intentional and leading your kids to Jesus
- Don't leave it up to your kids to make attendance decisions
- Take Spiritual Leadership in your family
- Train them...Teach them...Help them obey the Lord

