

Leaving a Legacy

Joshua 24:13-24

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Joshua has a great resume: Assistant to Moses, Commander of the Israeli army, faithful spy, mighty warrior, and administrator of the division of the land. But as he comes near the end of his life he leaves a legacy in a final sermon to Israel. He calls for Israel to make several choices in serving the Lord. Let's look at those choices as we think of the legacy we will leave one day.

I. **A First Priority**

1. Choose the god you will serve.
 - Gods on other side of river
 - Gods of Egypt
 - Gods of Amorites: Molech or Baal
 - Sovereign Lord of Israel
2. Similar choices today:
 - Self
 - Senses
 - Satan
 - Sovereign Lord as revealed in Savior

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:¹² "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

II. **A Family Pattern**

1. "Me and my house"
2. Learned from Moses

Deuteronomy 6:⁶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

⁷ "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

⁸ "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

⁹ "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- To LOVE
 - To TALK
 - To WALK
3. The New Testament great commission for parents:
 - To evangelize
 - To disciple

III. **A Faithful Pursuit**

1. Commit to God-like character
2. Continue in fellowship with God

Psalm 27:⁴ One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

3. Continue in obedience

Judges 2:⁸ Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died *when he was* one hundred and ten years old.⁹ And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash.

¹⁰ When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel.

4. Concrete commitment
 - Bob Buford: 100x
 - Lloyd Reeb: 2 questions:

"What does God have for us to do that will outlast us?"

"How can I hold what I have loosely enough that it can be transformed into something that can never be taken away?"