

## Joshua 23-24 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. According to Joshua 23:14-16 what was about to happen to Joshua (v14) and what had he learned both good (v14) and bad (v15, 16)?

5. Using 24:1-6 outline the first part of Israel's history (v2, 3, 4, 5, 6). To whom did Joshua tell this (v1)? Describe their background (v2) and what God did for them (v3, 5, 6).

6. Based on 24:6-13 what else had Israel faced (v6, 7, 8, 9, 11) and what had God done for them (v7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13)? What should have been their response to this?

7. Read 24:14-18. Based on God's actions what did Joshua tell them to do (v14, 15) and what was his commitment (v15)? What was Israel's response (v16, 18) and why (v17-18)?

8. In 24:19-22 how did Joshua react (v19)? What did he seem to expect (v20) and what would happen (v20)? How did they (v21-22) and Joshua (v22) respond?

9. From 24:23-28 what else did Joshua tell them (v23) and what did they promise (v24)? What happened next (v25) and how was this covenant confirmed (v26, 27)?

10. Using 24:28-33 what conclusions to this phase of Israel's history occur (v28, 29-30, 32, 33)? How had Israel acted and why (v31)? What does this foreshadow negatively?

11 Review Josh 23-24. What was Joshua's main concern at the end of his life (23:11-13, 16; 24:19-20)? How did he model his values (24:15) and how did he call for a commitment in a way that had some force behind it (24:25-27)? How can we apply these things?

### Scripture to Remember

“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.”

**Joshua 24:14 (NASV)**

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**Life Group Questions—Choose the Word (Matt 4:1-11, 8:5-13; Ps 119:11)**  
(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Talk about how you treat God's Word—a cafeteria line, rental car insurance, a seat-belt, an algebraic equation, or a hobby. How should we treat it?
2. Scan Matt 8:5-13 and recap the story. What did Jesus say about this man (v10) and why do you think He did? How does this apply to the Scriptures?
3. Using Matt 7:24-27 what is the key to the effectiveness of God's Word in your life? How can you use it as a blueprint for your life? Be specific.
4. Looking at the temptations of Jesus in Matt 4 how was each a truth encounter? Based on Jesus' response how should we approach temptations in light of this?
5. Which of the 3 areas of temptation—the desire to do [lust], the desire to be [somebody], and the desire to have [things] - do you struggle with most? How does meditating on God's Word provide the solution to these?
6. Discuss specific ways you can choose the Word as your treasure (Ps 119:11) in life—actions to take and the frequency of these actions. Share your preliminary plan and remember to ask each other about it over the next few weeks.
7. Share or discuss anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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## Studies in Joshua

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### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Keeping It Real Joshua 23-24

Until the 2011 season the harshest critic on American Idol was Simon Cowell. He always justified his negative comments by saying that he was just “keeping it real”. Similarly, at the end of his life Joshua, knowing Israel’s tendency to disobey God, twice spoke very directly to them, just keeping it real. His began his first charge for Israel to keep by recalling what God had done for them during his lifetime, driving out the Canaanite nations and apportioned their land to Israel. God would complete the job if they would actively possess the remaining land and be very firm to keep and do all that was written in the law of Moses. However, if they associated with the Canaanites and worshiped their gods Israel would become ensnared by them. God would stop driv-

ing out the nations before them and they would perish from the land. He reminded them of God’s commitment kept to them, of how He had fulfilled His promises, not only in their lifetimes, but also throughout Israel’s history. In his farewell speech to them he reviewed how God had called Abraham out of an idolatrous family from beyond the Euphrates. He had multiplied his descendants in Canaan, then delivered them with great plagues from Egypt. He saved them at the Red Sea, preserved them in the wilderness, and protected them from the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. Once they crossed the river He then gave them victory over all the nations of Canaan, even sending hornets ahead of them for their success. This allowed them to live in cities they did-



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n’t build and eat the harvest of crops they didn’t plant. Therefore, Joshua called them to renew their covenant with the Lord, just as he and his house had determined to do. They agreed, although Joshua doubted them, so they promised again. He confirmed this by writing their words in the book of the law of God, and then set up a stone by the sanctuary as a witness against them. As the book concluded with Joshua’s and Eleazar’s deaths it noted that as long as that generation was alive they served the Lord, a sad foreshadowing of their coming defection. He was just keeping it real.

## Study Questions for Joshua 23-24

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read Joshua 23:1-5. Who did Joshua call together (v2) and of what did he remind them (v3-4)? To whom did he give the credit (v3)? What was his condition and Israel’s condition (v1, 2)? What else did he tell them (v5)?</p>	
<p>2. In 23:6-10 what was Joshua’s command to them (v6, 7, 8) and why did this make sense (v9-10)? What was his main concern (v7) and how could they</p>	
<p>3. From 23:11-13 what were they to do and how (v11)? What was their greatest danger (v12) and what would be the outcome (v13)? How can we apply this?</p>	

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