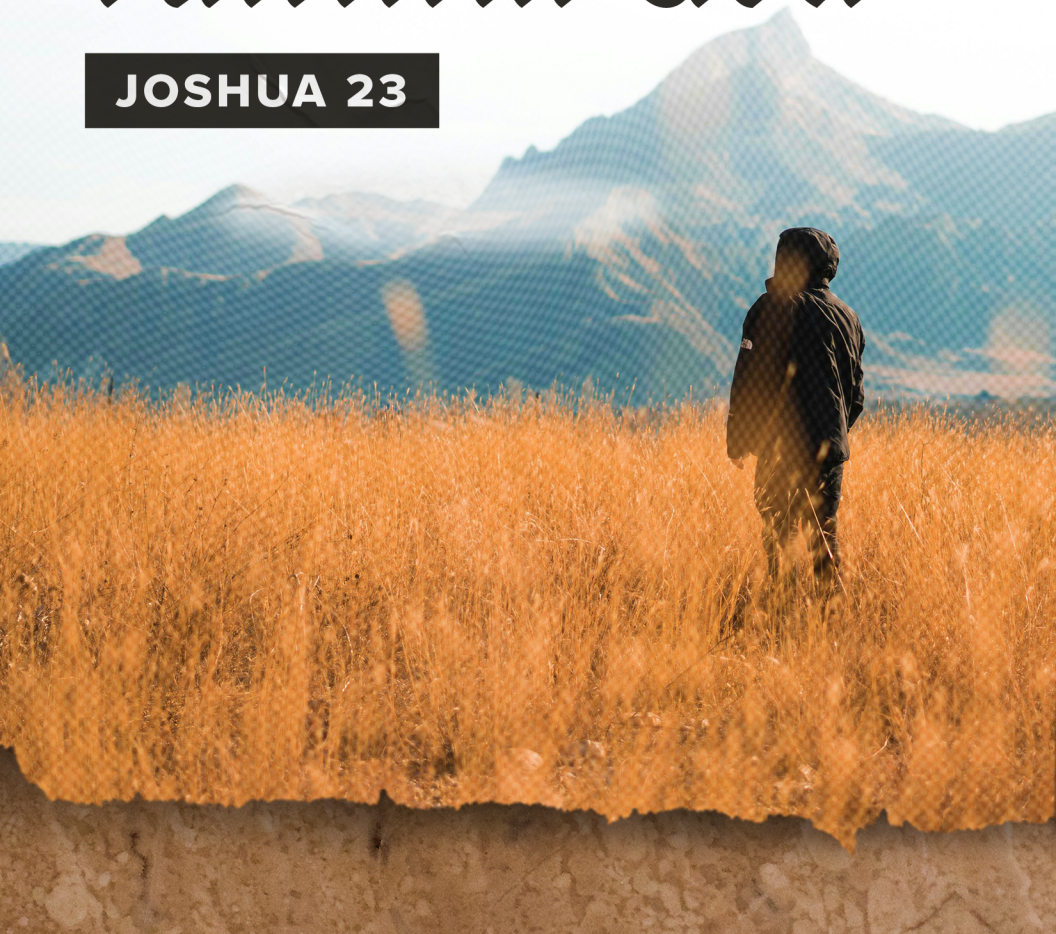




Stay Faithful to Our Faithful God

JOSHUA 23



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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask GG members to share the times that God had been faithful in fulfilling His promises and have answered your prayers, especially those moments when you were in serious doubt and almost felt like losing your faith in Him.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- [Amazing Grace](#)
[\(My Chains are Gone\)](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will not doubt God's character of trustworthiness at all times.
2. GG members will believe that God will continue to be faithful because of their past experiences of His faithfulness.
3. GG members will be aware of the consequences of falling away and becoming unfaithful in following Jesus and His statutes.

INTRODUCTION

With the fighting and the conquest of the promised land which "flows with milk and honey" finally completed, the Israelites settled in the land and were at rest. It was also the time when Joshua, after a successful campaign, had now grown old and well-advanced in years. Joshua knew that his sojourn on earth was about to come to an end, but before leaving the way of the earth, he summoned all Israelites to remind them of the faithfulness of God and admonished them to be faithful to God and obey His commands.

The trustworthiness of God and His faithfulness to His people (vv. 1–5, 14)

It was going to be his last act as their leader, and Joshua called for an assembly of the Israelites, to give them an important message for them to always remember.

1. What did Joshua remind them of what God did for them?
2. What will God do to the remaining lands that have yet to be occupied?
3. How did God fulfill His promises to the Israelites and what can be concluded of God's character in the past, as well as in the future?

The counsel of Joshua to the Israelites to stay faithful to God (vv. 6–11)

1. What was the first thing Joshua admonished the Israelites to do?
2. What did he remind them of the dangers of mixed marriages with the nations that were still living in their midst?
3. What were the two things the Israelites needed to do in order to stay faithful to God?
4. What is the key element needed for the Israelites to continue obeying and honoring God?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Joshua also warned the Israelites of the consequences of failing to follow God and remaining faithful to Him (vv. 12–16)

1. What will happen to the Israelites' attempts to conquer the remaining areas of the Promised Land if they turn their backs on the Lord?
2. How will the Lord respond to the Israelites' unfaithfulness?

APPLICATION

God can never be denied of His faithfulness at all times and in all circumstances. He will remain faithful even if we are not. God is completely trustworthy and never fails to keep His promises to those who draw near to Him, who honor and love Him, and obey His every Word. We know that living a Christian life is not always easy, but we know that we can be victorious over all the trickery and deception of the enemy if we are fully equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit in us. Thus, we need to each day seek the Lord, meditate on His words, so that we can be assured of His blessings of His protection and peace.

PRAYER

Our loving Heavenly Father, thank you for making us realize your truth. Indeed, you are always faithful even if we are not. Forgive us of our self-centeredness, and save us from disobeying you. Create in us a heart of always loving you and honoring you, all the days of our lives. All for your glory. ■



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