

Choose this Day: The Call to Commitment



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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to look back on their life and tell the group how God has been gracious and faithful to them. After hearing all the stories, ask the group to share their thoughts about God and His character.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

- GG members will be reminded of God's graciousness and faithfulness.
 He keeps his promises to an undeserving people.
- GG members will commit to faithfully serve God alone and with their entire being.

INTRODUCTION

After Joshua had met with Israel's leaders and exhorted them to remain faithful to God (Joshua 23), he now called the entire nation, including the leaders, to exhort them to serve God only with their entire beings.

Joshua reminded the people of God's faithfulness to them throughout their history (vv. 1–13)

Joshua spoke God's words to the people, reminding them that God chose Abraham purely by grace, not because he was deserving. He faithfully kept his promises to Abraham and the nation of Israel throughout their whole history as a nation.

- 1. Where did Joshua assemble the people to give them his final address? What significance does this place have in their history? (cf. Genesis 12:6-7; 35:4)
- How did Joshua describe Terah and his household when God called them? What was the reason God chose him out of all the people of the earth to make a covenant with him? (cf. Deuteronomy 7:7-10) What does Scripture teach about how God chooses believers in our day and age? (cf. John 15:16; Ephesians 1:4-5)
- Enumerate the ways God was faithful to Abraham and his descendants throughout their history.

Application:

God chose his people purely by his grace. None of us believers are worthy in any way of being in a covenant relationship with God. God remains faithful to his covenant promises even when his people are not. How can you praise and thank God for his graciousness and faithfulness?

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WORD & WALK:

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Joshua exhorted the people to serve God faithfully, and they agreed (vv. 14–33)

Joshua exhorted the people to respond to God's graciousness and faithfulness by serving him alone with their entire being. He warned them of the consequences should they fail to do so. The people agreed to serve God alone, and they exhibited this by agreeing to put away other gods in their midst.

- 1. What choice did Joshua present to the people? What can you say about Joshua's leadership in light of his challenge?
- 2. How did the people respond to Joshua's challenge? Why do you think Joshua responded to them negatively? (cf. Exodus 24:3–7; 32:1–4)
- What did Joshua command the people to do after they reaffirmed their allegiance to God? What does this tell you about their loyalty to God?
- 4. What reminder did Joshua give to the people concerning their covenant with God? What is the significance of having such a reminder? (cf. Joshua 4:20–24; 8:32)

Application:

We are all tainted by sin, and our natural tendency is toward sin. When we promise to serve God alone, we should not make it lightheartedly, for God is a jealous God and will discipline us when we disobey him. Reflect upon your life and take stock of people, things, or relationships that may take God's place in your life. Ask God to help you remain faithful to him alone with your entire being.

PRAYER

Dear God, I praise and thank You for Your graciousness and faithfulness toward me. I acknowledge that I am undeserving of Your favor. I ask that You continue to work in my life and transform me so that I may be holy as You are holy, gracious as You are gracious, and faithful as You are faithful. Preserve my testimony, O Lord, so that You may be glorified in my life. I pray all these in the name of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, Mediator, and Lord. Amen.



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