

# AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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## Topic: Choose Whom You Will Serve

### Opening Prayer:

"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You, I wait all the day." (Psalm 25:4-5)

Heavenly Father, as we come to Your Word today, open our hearts to truly know and follow You. Guide us to choose You daily in every part of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Read: Joshua 24:1-15

Joshua 24 captures one of the most pivotal moments in Israel's history. Joshua, who has led the Israelites into the Promised Land, gathers the people and recounts God's faithfulness, reminding them of their ancestors' experiences and victories. He brings them to a critical decision point, declaring, "Choose this day whom you will serve," and famously affirming, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The choice Joshua sets before Israel is profound. They are urged to turn away from foreign gods and to serve the Lord exclusively. The Hebrew word for "serve" (עָבַד, abad) signifies more than mere actions; it implies devotion, labor, and loyalty. Joshua knows that divided allegiance leads to spiritual defeat, and his challenge is clear—commit wholly to God or fall into compromise.

This theme of choice is a powerful reminder for us today. Each of us faces decisions about whom we will serve, whether consciously or not. The "gods" that compete for our loyalty may look different, but idols like materialism, success, or comfort can rival God's place in our hearts. Joshua's words echo through time, inviting us to examine our priorities and to set our lives on serving the Lord alone.

Joshua's declaration, "As for me and my house," resonates with those who are called to live for God in a world of competing values. Choosing to serve God requires daily

commitment, reinforced by surrendering our own will, comforts, and preferences to His. True service to God, as outlined in Scripture, isn't seasonal or selective—it's all-encompassing, encompassing our time, energy, and devotion.

### **Conclusion:**

Just as Israel was reminded of God's past faithfulness, let us remember how He has guided, provided, and forgiven us. May Joshua's challenge inspire us to root out any allegiance that threatens our dedication to God. Let us declare, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," and live it out daily with undivided hearts.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **For Students:**

1. What are some "gods" or distractions in your life that compete with your devotion to God?
2. How does serving God impact your friendships and choices?
3. In what ways can you boldly declare, like Joshua, that you serve the Lord?

#### **For Parents:**

1. How can you lead your family to serve the Lord daily?
2. What practical changes could help your home reflect a commitment to God?
3. How can your family's devotion to God influence those around you?

#### **For Professionals:**

1. What does serving God look like in your workplace or career?
2. Are there specific practices that help you remain dedicated to God despite work pressures?
3. How might declaring "I serve the Lord" impact your professional relationships?

**This week, make a daily commitment to set aside time with God, asking Him to reveal areas where your heart may be divided. Reflect on Joshua's challenge each day, choosing intentionally to serve and follow God alone.**