



CHOOSE JESUS



Highlight Scripture: “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:14-15**



Explain: Who you are today determines who you will be tomorrow. If you want to be a better student, you have to decide today to study and put in the work. If you want to grow in your relationship with God, you have to decide today to spend time reading His Word, the Bible. So when we decide what we want to do with our lives, we have more control than we think.

In Joshua chapter 24 verse 14, Joshua gave Israel a challenge: “Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.” The decision was in their hands. God did not force Himself on anyone, but Joshua had already decided that he would follow and serve the Lord. In verse 15, Joshua gave them the choice: to serve the gods of their fathers or serve the Lord. You see, we do not need to convince people to serve the Lord. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain by presenting the options and giving our friends and family the right to make up their own minds.

Then Joshua made it personal at the end of verse 15: “But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” At the end of the day, it comes down to this: YOU must choose to serve the Lord. It won’t happen by accident. You must begin each day by choosing to serve Him and then follow up that decision with a bunch of small choices in the right direction. If you follow Jesus, there will come a time when you must say, “Do what you want, and whatever you do, I will still be your friend, but I am going to serve the Lord.”

The request is clear: Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. I pray you will make the right choice. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.



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Apply: Today's Help Tool is the Life/Death card. Take the Life/Death card and begin with the word Death showing. Read the top of the card, "For the wages of sin is death". Then flip the card clockwise to show the word Life and read the top of the card, "But the gift of God is eternal life." Next, read the verses on the back as you continue to share the Gospel.



Respond: Let's get into groups and practice the Help Tool, before we leave today. Pray for God to give you the boldness to begin the conversation about Jesus with the world.



Bottom Line: Decide today who you will be tomorrow and who you will serve.

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