



CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY "Partners Together" Joshua 24:15

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There are no guarantees that all will go smoothly in life or marriage because there are many forces intent on destroying our lives and relationships. But God has promised us the resources we need to deal with life's eventualities and we have to decide which way we are going to go – or as Joshua said, which gods are we going to serve?

I. The Context.

- A. God's people had seen God's remarkable provision.
- B. They were beginning to drift away from their initial commitments.
- C. Joshua told them – decision time – who are you going to serve?
- D. He gave a ringing statement – my household will serve the Lord.

II. The Choice.

- A. The choice was personal – "As for me...."
- B. The choice was relational – "And my household...."
- C. The choice was unequivocal – "We will serve the Lord."
- D. The choice was continual – decisions require daily application.

III. The Challenges.

- A. What if the household contains an unbelieving spouse?
- B. How do we balance or blend marriage, family, and ministry?

IV. The Cost – "That which is worth anything costs something."

- A. The priorities that must be established.
- B. The pressures that must be faced.
- C. The power that must be maintained.

V. The Conclusion – "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve." Joshua 24:15