

"Choose Life"

Joshua 24:14-15

"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 is a Verb!

Costly Renunciation: Put Away

- ? What does it mean to be in the culture but not of it? Can one go to the bar, share a drink, and share Jesus at the same time? Why or why not?
- ? Idol identification is described as "Any comfort that promises me life without God's help? How does this help in identifying idols in your own life?
- ? It's much easier to identify idols for someone else but becomes much harder self-identifying because of our spiritual blindness. Answer the following questions below to help root out hidden idols.
 - What makes me angry? What makes me feel guilty? What makes me fearful?
- ? How could one determine if one is operating out of other measures other than the Scriptures? And before you say, "look at Scripture, duh!" remember that many cults and false teachers use those very same Scriptures to defend their "scriptural" authority.

Committed Loyalty: Choose

- ? Can one ensure an "until death do you part" marriage commitment? Why or why not?
- ? What is meant by the following statement? "Devotion, emotion, and passion are really good in a marriage, but it won't hold." Why or why not? Why isn't devotion strong enough to hold a marriage together?

Communism - A revolution that began as an attempt to right historical injustices quickly became an asked dermatologist exercise of raw power. Communists justified the imprisonment, ruins, and even the extinction of people who stood in the way of progress as necessary to achieve historical justice over alleged exploiters of privilege. – Rod Dreher

- ? If devotion, emotion, and passion cannot hold a marriage together. What does and why? Is there a difference between devotion and commitment? Explain.
- ? What does it mean to keep a "high view" of scripture? How can one accidentally share a false gospel?

Cultivated Obedience: Serve

- ? Is it possible to fully know what one's decision would be when faced with severe adversity? What makes the difference between standing firm and turning tail and running for your life?
- ? "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" makes a great plaque on the wall. But, what action should one be taking to ensure that it's not merely a platitude?

One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. Joshua 23:10