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Choose You This Day...

Joshua 24:14-31

(A prequel to Judges)

Series: *Compromise, Chaos & Covenant*

The Book of Judges

Joshua 24:14–15 (ESV) — **14** "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. **15** 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."

Central Thought: As the voice of Joshua echoes through the centuries calling us to complete devotion to God, we recognize that our _____ to do so is a matter of repentance, faith and _____, rather than tedious, self-_____ effort or superficial self-_____.

A Matter of Choice?

❖ The _____ – God’s power and _____.

○ God was and is the source of everything _____ in our lives.

❖ The _____ – Serve God (Yahweh) with _____ devotion.

Exodus 20:3 (ESV) — **3** "You shall have no other gods before me.

○ God still requires complete _____!

Matthew 22:37 (ESV) — **37** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your mind.

❖ The _____ – We will serve (_____) Yahweh alone!

○ Most of us recognize God’s holiness and faithfulness and have a deep _____ to worship him alone.

❖ The _____ – We don’t have what it takes to keep _____ with Yahweh.

○ The lusts of the _____ and the allure of the _____ easily overcome our devotion to God.

Romans 7:14–20 (ESV) — **14** For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. **15** For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. **16** Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. **17** So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. **19** For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. **20** Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

❖ The _____ – God in _____ has done for us what we could _____ do for ourselves.

Romans 7:21–25 (ESV) — **21** So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. **22** For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, **23** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. **24** Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **25** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Romans 11:32 (NLT) — **32** For God has imprisoned everyone in disobedience so he could have mercy on everyone.

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