

Lead for the Future
Courageous Leadership – Part 6
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Psalm 77:11-12 (ESV) I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.

Ephesians 5:20 (ESV) giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Deuteronomy 30:19b-20a (ESV) ... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, ...

1 Corinthians 2:9 (ESV) But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

1. Remember God's _____

Joshua 23:3, 5 (ESV) And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you. ... The LORD your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God promised you.

Joshua 23:6-7 (ESV) Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them,

Joshua 23:14 (ESV) "And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed.

Joshua 23:16 (ESV) if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land that he has given to you."

2. Recount God's _____

Joshua 24:2-3 (ESV) "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan ...

Joshua 24:5 (ESV) And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

Joshua 24:12-13 (ESV) And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them.

3. Serve God _____

Joshua 24:14-15 (ESV) "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. ... choose this day whom you will serve, ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua 24:19-20 (ESV) But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good."

Joshua 24:21, 31 (ESV) And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD." ... Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua and had known all the work that the LORD did for Israel.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Joshua 23-24).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

Lead for the Future Study Guide

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Intro. What are some positive and negative ways to look to the past (Psalm 72:11-12)?

Intro. How can Ephesians 5:20 help us live for God in the present?

Intro. Why are regular recommitments of our lives to the Lord for the future important (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)?

Intro. How would you explain our hope beyond this life (1 Corinthians 2:9)?

1A. Why is it important for God's people to regularly recall God's blessings (Joshua 23:3, 5)?

1B. Do you think that Joshua 23:6-7 meant that the Israelites were to completely disassociate themselves from interaction with Canaanite people? Why or why not?

1C. How does the acknowledgement that God is always faithful to His promises prepare us for the future (Joshua 23:14)?

1D. Why is it important to understand that the blessings of God's promises are conditional (Joshua 23:16)?

1E. How can you increase your reliance on God's promises in your own life (2 Chronicles 7:14)?

2A. What might Joshua's focus on God's goodness in the past teach us about how we view success and accomplishments (Joshua 24:2-3, 5)?

2B. What might be the significance of God telling the Israelites that they experienced blessings from a land that they did not labor over (Joshua 24:12-13)?

2C. What are some blessings we enjoy in our country as a result of God's intervention?

3A. Why is Joshua's declaration in Joshua 24:14-15 an important reminder for Christians today?

3B. Why did Joshua warn the people about the consequences of sin (Joshua 24:19-20)?

3C. How did Israel respond to Joshua's call (Joshua 24:21,31)?

3D. How can the concept of serving God alone guide us in this election season in America (Matthew 6:33)?