

SERIES: "1ST THINGS 1ST – THIS IS WHAT WE DO"

MESSAGE: "CHOOSE JESUS"

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"Choose today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

JOSHUA 24:15, NLT

"Joshua was concerned lest the people lapse into idolatry because of the influence of the heathen nations around them. Israel was prone to worship idols, and Joshua knew that idolatry would cause them to forfeit their inheritance." Warren Wiersby

- 1. Choosing who (or what) gets our _____ is the most important decision of the will that everyone must make one day**

"Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live?" JOSHUA 24:15

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to _____ (money)." MATTHEW 6:24

- 2. God has given us sufficient _____ to choose Him**

- **Joshua _____ the people of God's activity in the past**

"Remember the things I have done in the past. For I alone am God! I am God, and there is none like me." ISAIAH 46:9

"Remember the wonders he [LORD] has performed." 1 CHRONICLES 16:12

- **We too must never _____ what God has done!**

"Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me." PSALM 103:2

- 3. There can be _____ in our allegiance to serving God**

"Fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone." JOSHUA 24:14

"You must not have any other god but me. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them." EXODUS 20:3-5

[Jesus] *"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way." MATTHEW 7:13*

- 4. Our _____ to serving God has a ripple effect in our families, in our community, and in our world**

"Destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." JOSHUA 24:23

"A wise person chooses the right road; a fool takes the wrong one." ECCLESIASTES 10:2

What About YOU and YOUR HOUSE?

Who will you serve?

The truth is, this is a choice you make not just one day but every day.

There will always be things that will fight to get you to follow after them and give them the number one place God should have in your heart.

Parents: As for you and your house, who will you serve?