

Joshua Chapter 23

Godly Counsel for Spiritual Leaders

Four Callings:

- I. Spiritual leaders are called to be _____ in Jesus (Joshua 23:6a; Ephesians 6:10; Deuteronomy 31:6-8; 23).
- II. Spiritual leaders are called to an unwavering _____ to God's _____ (Joshua 23:6b; 2 Timothy 4:2-4; Acts 17:11-12).
- III. Spiritual leaders are called to not _____ to the _____ side of our _____ nor the lure of its _____ (Joshua 23:7).
- IV. Spiritual leaders are called to _____ to _____ (Joshua 23:8).

Three Rememberings:

- I. Remember the _____ of victory in Jesus (Joshua 23:9).
- II. Remember how all those victories were not because of _____ , but because of _____ (Joshua 23:10).
- III. Remember that God always keeps His _____ both in blessing & in judgment, so seek God's _____ by being _____ (Joshua 23:11-16).

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What do you think of when you think of “last words”? Are there any last words which inspire and inform those left behind?
2. What is Joshua doing in the last days of his life? If you are in the middle aged or retirement years, how are you using your days? Are you using them for leadership and discipleship?
3. Joshua prepares the leadership first. If you are in a place of leadership, are you building up the leaders who will come after you and encouraging faithfulness?
4. Joshua begins by reviewing _____ and remembering _____. What are the 4 *callings* and 3 *rememberings* that he gives in this speech?
5. Read Ephesians 6:10 and Deuteronomy 31:6-7. What kind of strength does Joshua exhort spiritual leaders to have?
6. What do biblical leaders need to have that computers, robots, and animals don’t have? How do you know if they have it? (hint: Acts 17:11, 2 Timothy 4:2, Matthew 4:4)
7. Many churches are tempted to turn to the right of legalism or the left of licentiousness. How can a good grip on Scripture counter this drift?
8. Read Joshua 23:7. What application does this have to our modern times? What “nations” and “names of god” are a temptation in your circumstances?
9. How may it encourage you to remember that God promises both blessings and cursings? What does the Bible teach us about the consequences of our actions?

10. Pray together on this text: for your church to have strong godly leaders that are unwaveringly committed to God's Word and do not cave to culture and its idols, but instead cling to God.
11. Pray together that you would have joy in Christ's victory, remember God's faithfulness, and seek God's blessing by obeying Him.