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As for me and my household, we will serve Jehovah:

The Book of Joshua (Chapter 24)

24:15 If it is not good for you to serve Yahweh, today you can choose to serve the god of your fathers on the other side of the river, the God of the Amorites where you dwell. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord Howa.

24:20 If you forsake Jehovah and serve the gods of the nations, Jehovah, after blessing you, will turn to you and destroy you.

"I and my house will serve the Lord. This phrase demonstrates the faith and commitment of the family, not only as a statement of faith, but also as a commitment to the way of life. In this world of change and challenges, this phrase has become our guide and a firm belief for our family.

The family is where faith takes root and is a breeding ground for cultivating love, respect, and values. We believe that it is through faith that our families can be built on a strong foundation.

It's not just a weekly visit to church or prayer, it's a guide to our daily lives that shapes the direction of our behavior and decisions.

In the family, we strive to integrate faith into every aspect of our daily lives. This means not just paying lip service, but also how we behave and treat others. Whether facing difficulties or celebrating joy, we seek the guidance and strength of our faith.

In this busy and ever-changing world, this promise is our place of stability. It gives us shared values and gives us strength and courage to face challenges. In the moment of family reunion, this phrase becomes a union of our beliefs, highlighting our unity and tenacity.

The phrase, "I and my family will serve Jehovah" has become more than just a proclamation, it has become central to our family life. This is our commitment to God, and it is our commitment to each other. This phrase injects meaning and direction into our lives, allowing us to move forward and grow together under the guidance of faith.

Serving Jehovah is not only a faith, but also a life of abundance and joy. The blessings and joys that come with this ministry transcend the everyday and permeate every aspect of life, bringing infinite abundance and joy to the heart and life.

The blessings of serving Jehovah are expressed in gratitude and fulfillment in life. By seeing the world through the lens of faith, we learn to appreciate every grace that comes from God, whether it's health, the love of family, or the small joys of everyday life. This gratitude allows us to better appreciate the beauty of life and get happiness and satisfaction from it.

Second, the blessing of serving Jehovah lies in peace and stability of mind. In faith, we find peace beyond material comforts, and have inner abundance and peace. This peace of mind allows us to remain steadfast in a stormy world and to approach challenges with a steady mindset.

In addition, serving Jehovah gives a sense of purpose and values in life. Through the guidance of faith, we discover the true meaning of life and gain purpose and motivation to go beyond the everyday. This sense of purpose fills our lives with motivation and momentum and provides direction for our actions and choices.

Above all, the joy of serving Jehovah comes from a connection with God and with others.

Through the sharing of faith, we build an intimate relationship with God and also share emotions and support with other believers. This connection infuses our lives with love and warmth, allowing us to find joy and joy in our shared faith.

Serving Jehovah is not just a religious act, but also a life of abundance and joy. This blessing and happiness transcend the limitations of material and time, becoming the most precious treasure in our lives, shaping our hearts and values, and allowing us to have a life full of hope and joy.

There are many passages in the Bible that emphasize the importance of serving Jehovah and that show how believers act and live in their faith. Here are some Bible passages:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13: "What does the LORD your God now want from you, O Israel, that thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, walk in his ways, love him, serve him with all your heart and soul, and keep his commandments and his statutes, which I command you this day, for your blessing." ┘

Joshua 24:15: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. ┘

Matthew 4:10: "Jesus said to them, 'Stand away, Satan, for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ┘┘

Matthew 20:28: "Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to lay down his life as a ransom for many." ┘

Romans 12:1: "Therefore brethren, I beseech you, in the mercy of God, that you offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, and that it is only right for you to serve in this way. ┘

These verses emphasize the importance of loving and fearing God, walking God's Word, and serving God and others. They encourage believers to dedicate their lives to God, to glorify Him, to love, and to serve others through actions and lifestyles.

We pray

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity and mission to serve. Give us the strength and wisdom to serve You with joy. May our actions, words, and attitudes glorify Your name and bring joy and blessings to those around us.

Pray that You will give us the faith to feel Your presence and guidance in our ministry. May Your love fill our hearts so that we can serve others with love and bring Your mercy and grace.

Give us joy and find fulfillment and joy in our ministry. May Your joy be our strength so that we can persevere and continue to walk for You and be a blessing and encouragement in the lives of those around us.

Lead us in our steps to grow, learn and progress in our ministry. May Your wisdom and grace fill our lives and make our ministry more perfect and powerful.

Finally, please give us the courage and fortitude to serve You steadfastly, no matter what challenges and difficulties we face. May we face all that life has to offer with faith and joy, for You are with us.

In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, amen.

Joshua chapter 24

. Jo. 24:1 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Jo. 24:2 Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the

God of Israel, says: `Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshipped other gods.

Jo. 24:3 But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the River and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac,

Jo. 24:4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

Jo. 24:5 "Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out.

Jo. 24:6 When I brought your fathers out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea.

Jo. 24:7 But they cried to the LORD for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the desert for a long time.

Jo. 24:8 "I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land.

Jo. 24:9 When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you.

Jo. 24:10 But I would not listen to Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand.

..... Jo. 24:11 “Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands.

Jo. 24:12 I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you — also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow.

Jo. 24:13 So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

Jo. 24:14 “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Jo. 24:15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Jo. 24:16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods!

Jo. 24:17 It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled.

Jo. 24:18 And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the

LORD, because he is our God.”

Jo. 24:19 Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.

Jo. 24:20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

Jo. 24:21 But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”

Jo. 24:22 Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

Jo. 24:23 “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

Jo. 24:24 And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”

Jo. 24:25 On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he drew up for them decrees and laws.

Jo. 24:26 And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the LORD.

Jo. 24:27 “See!” he said to all the people. “This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the LORD has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.”

Jo. 24:28 Then Joshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.

Jo. 24:29 After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten.

Jo. 24:30 And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. Jo. 24:31 Israel served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the LORD had done for Israel.

Jo. 24:32 And Joseph’s bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph’s descendants.

Jo. 24:33 And Eleazar son of Aaron died and was buried at Gibeah, which had been allotted to his son Phinehas in the hill country of Ephraim

Chapter 24 begins with Joshua assembling all the tribes of Israel at Shechem to renew the covenant with God. He reminds them of God's faithfulness to their ancestors, including Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of the miracles God performed on their behalf, such as the parting of the Red Sea and the conquest of the Canaanite nations.

Joshua then challenges the Israelites to choose whom they will serve, either the gods of the surrounding nations or the Lord God of Israel. The people respond that they will serve the Lord, acknowledging that he is the only true God who has done great things for them. After reaffirming the covenant, Joshua sets up a stone as a witness to the covenant and delivers a final exhortation to the people to remain faithful to God and to serve him with all their hearts and souls. He also warns them of the consequences of disobedience and of turning away from God.

The chapter ends with the death of Joshua and the burial of Joseph's bones in Shechem, as well as a reminder of the continuing presence of the tabernacle at Shiloh, where the priests and Levites continue to serve the Lord.

Overall, Chapter 24 serves as a conclusion to the Book of Joshua, highlighting the importance of remaining faithful to God and reaffirming the covenant between God and the Israelites. It also provides closure to the narrative by describing the death of Joshua and the burial of Joseph's bones, while also setting the stage for the continuation of Israel's story under new leadership.

Joshua 24 contains Joshua's final address to the Israelites before his death, in which he reminds them of all that God has done for them and urges them to serve Him faithfully.

Some important verses from Joshua 24 in the Christian Bible include:

- "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)
- "The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. It was not with our ancestors that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today." (Joshua 24:25-26)
- "Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel." (Joshua 24:31)

These verses emphasize the importance of making a deliberate choice to serve God, the significance of the covenant between God and His people, and the faithfulness of God and the Israelites' commitment to serve Him during the time of Joshua's leadership.

In Joshua chapter 24, we encounter Joshua's final address to the people of Israel before his death. This chapter provides us with insights into the importance of choosing to serve and worship the Lord, remembering His faithfulness, and making a personal commitment to follow Him.

One of the central themes in this chapter is the call to choose the Lord. Joshua gathers all the tribes of Israel and recounts the history of God's faithfulness to them, from the time of Abraham to their current possession of the Promised Land. He reminds them of the idols and false gods their ancestors worshiped and challenges them to choose whom they will serve. He declares, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). This highlights the importance of personal choice and commitment to follow and worship the one true God. It

prompts us to examine our own hearts and make a deliberate decision to serve and worship the Lord wholeheartedly.

The chapter also emphasizes the remembrance of God's faithfulness. Joshua recounts how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt, led them through the wilderness, and gave them victory over their enemies. He reminds them of the miracles God performed on their behalf and the blessings He bestowed upon them. This serves as a reminder to the people of Israel to never forget the faithfulness of God throughout their history. It prompts us to reflect on God's faithfulness in our own lives, remembering the ways He has provided, protected, and guided us. It encourages us to maintain a heart of gratitude and trust in God's faithfulness as we face new challenges and decisions.

Furthermore, the chapter calls for a personal commitment to follow the Lord. Joshua challenges the people to put away the foreign gods and serve the Lord with sincerity and faithfulness. He warns them of the consequences of turning away from God and the blessings that come from walking in His ways. The people respond by reaffirming their commitment to serve the Lord and making a covenant with Him. This highlights the importance of personal dedication and commitment to God. It prompts us to examine our own lives and make a renewed commitment to follow Him, putting away anything that hinders our relationship with Him and choosing to live in obedience to His commands.

In reflection, Joshua chapter 24 teaches us several important lessons. It emphasizes the call to choose the Lord, urging us to make a deliberate decision to serve and worship Him. It reminds us to remember God's faithfulness in our lives, cultivating a heart of gratitude and trust. It also calls for a personal commitment to follow the Lord, challenging us to put away anything that hinders our relationship with Him and to walk in obedience to His commands.

Moreover, the chapter challenges us to examine our own choices, remembrance of God's faithfulness, and personal commitment. It prompts us to evaluate our priorities, to reflect on the ways God has been faithful to us, and to renew our commitment to follow Him wholeheartedly.

Overall, Joshua chapter 24 teaches us about the importance of choosing to serve and worship the Lord, remembering His faithfulness, and making a personal commitment to follow Him. By reflecting on these lessons, we can strive to make intentional choices to honor God, to remember His faithfulness in our lives, and to live in devoted obedience to Him.

Notes:

Some of the most difficult questions in the Book of Joshua include:

1. The morality of the Israelites' conquest of Canaan, including the killing of men, women, and children in the cities they conquered.
2. The accuracy and historicity of the account of the Israelites crossing the Jordan River on dry ground and the fall of Jericho.
3. The exact location of some of the places mentioned in the book, such as Ai and Gilgal.
4. The meaning and significance of the covenant renewal ceremony described in chapter 8.
5. The role of the miraculous events, such as the stopping of the sun and the moon in the sky, in the Israelites' victory over their enemies.

These questions have been the subject of much debate and discussion among scholars and theologians, with no clear consensus or definitive answers.