

**The Path of Decision**  
**Text: Joshua 24:14-15**  
**May 20, 2023**

**Big Idea: Because only God's path leads to victory; we must choose to serve Him alone.**

**Question #1 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?*

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

**Question #2 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?*

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

**Question #3 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?*

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

**Question #4 (Context)**

*Ask Yourself: What is the application?*

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

A home that chooses to serve the Lord...

**Point 1: FEARS Him ALONE: REVERENCE (v. 14a)**

**Question: Reverence for God fuels faithful service to God. Do you fear God alone?**

**Question #5**

- a) **Rd. v. 14a:** What does it mean to fear the Lord?
- b) Why was this command crucial to have as their top priority if they were to stay faithful to Him?
- c) What do you struggle with in fearing more than the Lord? Why those things?
- d) What fruit(s) occur when you live in a fear of those things over the Lord? (Use Scripture to support)
- e) What fruit(s) increasingly grow as you fear the Lord over all else? (Use Scripture to support)
- f) How has Jesus equipped us to live in a fear of God and not other things? (Is. 11:1-3 is a good start!)

**Question #6**

**sincerity: "Living in accordance with God's truth that is undefiled with no hypocrisy or deceit, but with integrity & uprightness."**

- a) Why is serving the Lord with sincerity essential for God's glory in the home?
- b) When are you tempted the most with living duplicitously in your faith?
- c) How has Jesus equipped you to live with gospel integrity in those moments? (Use Scripture)

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**Point 2: COMMITTS to Him ALONE: ALLEGIANCE (vv. 14b-15)**

*Question: Everyday you choose whom you will serve. Will your house serve the Lord?*

**Question #7**

- a) **Rd. vv. 14b-15:** What was to be the sign of the Israelites' allegiance to the Lord alone?
- b) What were some of 'gods' that Joshua was commanding the people to put away?
- c) What will be the inevitable result of choosing to serve other 'gods'? (Use Scripture to support)

**Question #8**

- a) Why is it difficult to put away 'small g gods' and choose to serve the Lord alone?
- b) What 'small g gods' do you need to 'put away' that you are serving?
- c) What fruits occur when you want those 'gods' and chase after them?
- d) What are you thinking in those moments that leads you to chase them?
- e) What is it you actually want, that you think those things will give you?
- f) How does the gospel fulfill what you're chasing after in those things?

**Question #9**

This concludes our mini-series: "Choose this day: The Battle for the home and God's path for Victory".

- a) What are 2-3 things you learned about: God? Yourself? The Church?
- b) What are some next steps you can take in helping to see the family equipped and disciplined for God's glory in: i) Your home ii) The homes of others in the church?
- c) Spend time in prayer as a group for the glory of God to increasingly be seen in the family of God here at Hope; and that we would choose this day to follow Him.

**Prayer Application**

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **ADORATION:** Lord, you are worthy to be feared, because only You are\_\_\_\_\_ .
- b) **CONFESSION:** Confess & repent where you: i) Fear other things over the Lord ii) Choose to serve 'small g gods' over Him
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Thank you Jesus, that in You there is victory over\_\_\_\_\_ .
- d) **SUPPLICATION:** Jesus, I ask You for Your victory in the home through: i) Increasing Dependence on You ii) Increasing Discipleship Through You iii) An increasing Reverence for You iv) An increasing choice to serve You alone.

**Memory Verse:**

*"And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."-Joshua 24:15*

