



JOSHUA: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

"Dealing with Division"

Joshua 22

November 14, 2021

The return Vs 1-8

- 1) He commends and discharges them Vs 1-4
- 2) He cautions & challenges them Vs 5
- 3) He consecrates (blesses) them Vs 6-8

The report & reaction Vs 9-12

- 1) They departed Vs 9
- 2) They built & devoted an altar Vs 10
- 3) Their decision brings division Vs 11-12

The run-in Vs 13-20

- 1) Their response Vs 13-14
- 2) The rebuke & their resolve Vs 15-20
- 3) Their reason Vs 18

The receptiveness & reasoning Vs 21-29

- 1) Their crucial concern vs 21-23
- 2) Their clarification Vs 24-25,28
- 3) Their commitment to the Lord & to Israel Vs 26-27,29

The resolution & relief Vs 30-34

- 1) There is a remedy Vs 30-31

2) There is rejoicing Vs 32-33

3) There is a reminder Vs 34

Lessons we learn and can apply this week

1. The Lord calls His people to be united, unified together. John 17:22-23 ; Philippians 2:1-5
2. We must make every effort to resolve conflict and division in a godly, biblical way. Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-17; Romans 12:18
3. How we approach and receive difficult situations that involve conflict or division is incredibly important. Proverbs 15:1-2
4. Be careful because so many times, perception becomes reality, whether it's true or not. Proverbs 18:17 (LB)
5. Be certain to not give the enemy a place in your life or the life of Petal FBC. Ephesians 4:26-27
6. We must never compromise the truth for the sake of peace. James 3:17

Response Questions:

1. What are the natural and seemingly normal reactions to division/conflict?
2. Why can it be so difficult for us to deal with conflict/division in our lives?
3. How does the Lord direct us to deal with conflict/division in our lives? What is the role of each side?
4. Why is unity so important to the Lord? Why is it so important in the body of Christ and even to those who don't know Christ?
5. Why do we have to be so careful that we don't compromise truth for the sake of peace?
6. Are there any people with whom you have conflict or division? How can you make that right this week?

