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"What Will Your Answer Be?" Joshua 23-24 November 21, 2021

The Lord's warning about the future – We should be aware of the pitfalls 23:1-16

1. We <u>remember</u> what the Lord completed

23:3-4, 9-10,14

- 2. We respond to the call 23:6-8,11
 - ✓ Keep his Word
 - ✓ <u>Cling</u> to Him
 - ✓ Diligently love Him
- 3. We recognize the consequences 23:12-13,15-16

The Lord reminded them of their redemption as a people

- We should be thankful & rejoice 24:1-13
- 1. I <u>chose</u> you Vs 1-4
- 2. I <u>delivered</u> you from your enemy Vs 5-7
- 3. I guided you through the wilderness Vs 8-11
- 4. I gave you the land I promised Vs 12-13

The Lord challenged them with a clear choice – We should be ready to put our yes on the altar 24:14-28

- 1. The <u>challenge</u> is given <u>Choose</u> today Vs 14-15, 19-20,22-23
- 2. The commitment is declared Vs 16-18, 21,24
- 3. A covenant is made Vs 25-28

Lessons we learn and can apply this week

- 1. We should spend time every day remembering and thanking the Lord for what He has done for us.
- 2. We need to be reminded of the consequences of choosing our way instead of the Lord's way.
- 3. We must daily hear the call choose you today whom you will serve and respond with: Lord I will die to myself and serve You alone.
- 4. We must choose to cling to the Lord, love Him passionately, and keep His Word.

Response Questions:

- 1. Why should we be thankful and express that thankfulness to the Lord?
- 2. Spend some time sharing or writing down what the Lord has done in your life and what He has been doing recently. Thank Him for it!
- 3. What are those "false gods" you are still holding onto that you need to let go of in your life?
- 4. What does it mean to you to cling to the Lord? Why is this so important?
- 5. What would it look like for you to answer the call: Choose you today whom you will serve? Be specific and what would need to change in your life for you to serve & follow Him completely.