

## Joshua: Hold Fast

Mar. 13, 2021

Joshua 23:1-13



*This morning we continued our series in Joshua by jumping ahead several chapters. In chapter 23 of Joshua, years have past, the Israelites have acquired and distributed the promised land, and now Joshua turns to the Israelites leaders to offer a farewell address. He offers remembrance, instruction, and a warning that speaks to us today.*

## Getting Started

Toran began with an illustration related to Apple Watches on Sunday. Are you an Apple Watch or a more traditional watch person? Why?

## Read

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## Digging Deeper

- In the text above, Joshua reminds the Israelites that (1) God has fought for them, (2) given them rest, and (3) fulfilled his promises. Of these three, which do you need to be reminded of in your own life?
- Joshua offers the Israelites some instruction, and then a warning: in our spiritual lives, the only thing we have to do to drift is...nothing. Have an honest conversation...are you spiritually drifting? If so, how?
  - The five markers to help us recognize if we are drifting are listed below for reference.
- Whether you feel like you're currently drifting or have drifted in the past, what are some things that you know you can do, or things that you sense God is asking you to do that help you hold fast to God and God's desires for your life?

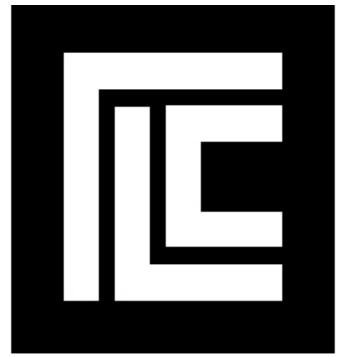


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**Five Markers of Spiritual Drifting:**

1. Am I doing what is best or settling for what is convenient in my spiritual life?
2. Do I have sustained joy in my life or am I constantly looking for things to try and make me feel happy?
3. Am I able to be silent with God and enjoy His presence or do I keep myself busy with distractions?
4. Am I valuing God's Word, opinions and acceptance over my friends words, opinions and acceptance? Where do I look to find what is right/wrong, good/bad, true/false; God or the people around me?
5. Is prayer my first response or my last resort?



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