

Joshua: Whom Will You Serve?

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This morning we wrapped up our series in Joshua. In chapter 24 of Joshua, the Israelites are addressed one final time by their leader. All of the nation gathers together before his death and are asked a question: whom will you serve?

Getting Started

Toran began talking about promises (like wedding vows) and how it's difficult to know the cost of certain promises. What is a promise that you have made that was more difficult than expected? Or what is the promise you've made that's been most rewarding?

Read

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Digging Deeper

- In the text above, Israel commits to serve Yahweh. What stands out to you about this passage in Joshua?
- On Sunday we discussed the polytheistic worldview that Israel operated under at several points in their history. It was a "Yahweh plus other gods" life. How did this relate to you? Do you ever find yourself living a Jesus plus _____ (materials, experiences, convenience) life?
 - The three "gods" that Toran talked about are summarized below.
- We responded on Sunday by doing a covenant renewal of our own. We were given the opportunity to walk through some pools that represented a renewal of the covenant we've made with Jesus. How did you respond to this?
 - Did God use this time to meet you? How?

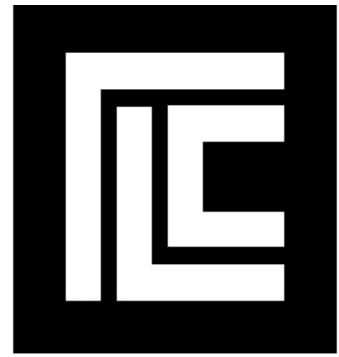


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Three “gods” of our culture:

1. The *god of materialism*:

It says that happiness and satisfaction come through financial success, possession of material goods, and pleasure. It promotes leisure activities—travel, hobbies, recreation, sports, and the like—as spiritual retreats in its honor.

2. The *god of convenience*:

The defining attributes of this god are omnipresence and omni-availability. It's hard to hunger and thirst after righteousness when you've never been hungry or thirsty...

3. The *god of “Me!”*:

The delusion of this god of “Me!” is that our sense of importance depends on external things, not on who we really are inside. It cares more about what others think of us than what God does.



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