

## APRIL 2, 2017 SERMON NOTES

### Joshua's Challenge

#### *Joshua 23 & 24*

#### **I. Joshua's reminder.**

A. Look back on \_\_\_\_\_ (1-5).

23: <sup>3</sup> *And you have seen all that the Lord your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the Lord your God is He who has been fighting for you. <sup>4</sup> See, I have apportioned to you these nations which remain as an inheritance for your tribes, with all the nations which I have cut off, from the Jordan even to the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.*

B. Hold fast to \_\_\_\_\_ (6-11).

23: <sup>6</sup> *Be very firm, then, to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, <sup>7</sup> so that you will not associate with these nations, these which remain among you, or mention the name of their gods, or make anyone swear by them, or serve them, or bow down to them. <sup>8</sup> But you are to cling to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day. <sup>9</sup> For the Lord has driven out great and strong nations from before you; and as for you, no man has stood before you to this day.*

C. Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_ (12-16).

23: <sup>15</sup> *It shall come about that just as all the good words which the Lord your God spoke to you have come upon you, so the Lord will bring upon you all the threats, until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the Lord your God has given you. <sup>16</sup> When you transgress the covenant of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and you will perish quickly from off the good land which He has given you."*

#### **II. Joshua's challenge.**

A. It's your \_\_\_\_\_!

24: <sup>14</sup> *"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living.*

His choice: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

B. What is your choice?