

## 20180304 Joshua series part 4: Me and my house

Joshua 24:13-26 (15)

**But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."**

### **Our Commitment to God Must Be Consistent**

Our scripture today comes from the mouth of Joshua, Joshua was the young man God had chosen and Moses mentored to lead the Jews into the promise land. Joshua was totally consistent regarding his commitment to serving God for 80-90 years. 30-40 years old when he spied on the promised land, 68-78 years old when entered the promised land. Died at 110.

I ask you! What type of person are you? Do you find yourself often dissatisfied? Are you a complainer?

I ask you this because the Bible teaches us that those who complained were not faithful people.

Grumbling, gossip and complaining are symptoms of a deep spiritual problem.

Joshua's followers knew the history of the mighty hand of God but only 3 days after the Red Sea had been parted and they were out of slavery and bondage and on their way to the promise land what do they do? They grumbled! They wanted to go back to Egypt.

### **An Attitude Adjustment is needed.**

A bad attitude and complaining will stop you from seeing the good things.

Christian's today who although they have been set free from sin, guilt and shame that came into their lives from living in the world only partially follow God and they go in and out of church life and the worldly life without giving it a second thought.

They never see real holiness, or sanctification, or consecration.

Are you in the promise land of Christianity or do you move in and out based on your own desires and needs?

Listen to what Joshua tells God's people in his farewell address in (23:16) *if you violate the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the Lord's anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you."*

Joshua knows the tendencies of these people so his last official act as the Lord's servant is to call God's people back into a covenantal relationship with their God.

That is what REVIVAL is all about. It's about **Calling the Church Back to their First Love** and back into relationship with Christ.

24:14 *"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."*

*Joshua 24:15 " 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. **But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**"*

Choose today who you are going to serve, the Lord God almighty or the world. And do it 100%.

What is keeping the church, God's people from being here today? Why is it that many see regular church attendance as being going to church once or at the most twice a month for a couple of hours. What if you treated your boyfriend, girlfriend, wife, husband, kids even your dog in that way?

Our text says, "serve the LORD with all faithfulness."  
Is that the level of your service is it faithful? Can God trust you?

**Our lives and His church must be more than lukewarm.**

Because lukewarm isn't going to save us, Jesus said I will spit the lukewarm church right out of my mouth. What He actually says is, "I will vomit it out."

Faithfulness takes commitment and commitment takes perseverance and hard work. THERE IS SIMPLY NO WAY AROUND IT!

Joshua was not placed by God to tell the people what they wanted to hear, he was there to tell them what they needed to hear.

Is your commitment to God inconsistent, do you grumble and complain?  
Let's quit playing church- decide today what you are on fire for and just go do it!

Thoughts to meditate on:

Are you going to do it the devil's way or the world's way or do it God's way?

Are you going to do it God's way in your marriage and keeping the covenants?

Are you going to do it God's way in the way you raise your children?

Are you going to live God's way in the way you serve His church?

God will honor and bless us when we do and lead us into His promised land.