



**Staying True**  
(Joshua 24:1-33)

**Main Idea:** To stay true to God, align your life with the truth.

**Connect:** Who is your favorite Old Testament person?

**Discuss**

1. What insight, observation, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful, insightful or troubling? Explain ...
2. Joshua calls together all of Israel and reviews their ancestry and God's faithfulness (v1-13, 29-33)
  - As his last act of leadership, Joshua calls together ALL of the Israelites and gives them a brief history of how they got to where they are today ... standing in the land which had been promised to Abraham hundreds of years before. How does understanding where you've been in your walk with God prepare you for the future?
  - The Israelites had no written documentation of God's words, instead they shared stories verbally. This address from Joshua would have, in many ways, been like getting the story straight from the source since he was their elder. Despite having complete access to the Bible, we frequently accept oral traditions about what is contained in God's Word. Are there any sayings that you were taught are in God's Word, but aren't (i.e., cleanliness is next to Godliness)?
  - How do you approach your personal study of the Bible?
3. After telling the people about their history, Joshua asks them to make a formal commitment to serve the Lord (v. 14-18).
  - Joshua was confronting the Israelites and asking them to make a decision about who they would serve in the future. Has God ever brought you to a place where he was asking you to make a decision? How did that experience change you?
4. The Israelites commit to serving God (v. 16-28)
  - We have the benefit of knowing what comes next for the Israelites, and it isn't very good. They turned from God, followed corrupt leaders and worshiped idols. On this day, the day they stood in Shechem before Joshua and made a public commitment to following God, they held firm to their faith. What can we do to protect the faith we have today? Is there anything that still needs to be handed over to God?
5. The story contained in the book of Joshua has brought us instruction on how to live life, how to grow in faith, and how to be courageous. We have studied the stories of many men and women who experienced God's amazing faithfulness, divine miracles, and fulfilled promises.

- Which person from this study was most relatable to you? What was it about their story that spoke to you?
- How would you define being courageous in your walk with God? Has that changed since you began your study of Joshua?

**Live it Out**

- Take a long look at your life and ask God to reveal to you anything that has become an idol, or is becoming an idol. Allow God to reorganize your priorities so that you can keep him first.
- Who or what is speaking into your life? Examine the messages you are receiving. Are they messages of truth and life, or are they tearing you down? Is what you are receiving encouraging you in your walk with God, or distracting you?