

## **Sermon Listening Guide (November 9, 2025)**

**Scripture:** Joshua 23

**Sermon Title:** “Famous Last Words: Part 1”

### **First Thoughts**

As a “very old man”, Joshua gives some final words of advice to the leadership of Israel.

His years of warfare and his closeness to God make him an expert on leadership.

### **Remember what You have Seen**

In verses 3 and 4, Joshua urges them to remember God’s good gifts and his faithfulness.

Crossing the Jordan River and the conquest of Jericho are just a few of their powerful memories.

When we thank the Lord for his blessings, we deepen our relationship with him

The possessions he allows us to hold show his willingness to bless his creation.

All of God’s gifts should be viewed through a lens of thanksgiving.

### **Understand what You must Do**

Verses 7, 12, and 13 tell us not to get entangled in idol worship or those who worship idols.

Hitching yourself to non-believers is a surefire way to drift from God.

“The Cycle of Sin” in the book of Judges shows how easily mankind can forget God’s place.

Seduction and complacency slowly pull us from God.

The things of this world are “traps” and “whips for our backs”.

### **How to Move Ahead**

In verse 6, we are told to obey God’s word.

Verse 8 tells us to hold fast to God as a man holds fast to his wife.

Verse 11 tells us to simply love God with a deep love.

God showed his love for us through the gift of his Son (John 3:16).

I John 4:19 says: “We love because he first loved us.”

### **Final Thoughts**

How are you staying focused on God in an era of seduction and distractions?

How do you avoid spiritual drift?