



All-In Sunday

Sermon Title: My House in God's House

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Joshua 24:15

**Big Idea: Make the decision to worship God as a family.**

At the close of his life, Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel at Shechem to renew their covenant with the Lord. He recounts God's mighty acts -calling Abraham, delivering Israel from Egypt, sustaining them in the wilderness, and giving them a land they did not earn. Against this backdrop of faithfulness, Joshua presents the people with a decision: **choose today whom you will serve (Joshua 24:15)**. Surrounded by false gods and cultural pressures, Israel cannot remain neutral.

Joshua then declares his own stance: **As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord**. His words show a personal conviction and a family commitment. He will lead his household in worship of the one true God, regardless of the choices of others. This call still echoes for us today. Worshiping God as a family is more than sentiment or tradition - it is an intentional decision that shapes identity, loyalty, and daily life.

**1. Worship Him no matter what others choose**

Joshua 24:14-15

Joshua knew that devotion to the Lord required courage. The people had witnessed God's power, yet they were tempted by the false gods of Egypt and Canaan. Joshua makes it clear: serving the Lord must be exclusive. Divided allegiance is not possible.

This principle still applies. Families today face competing influences - success, comfort, entertainment, and self. Each claims priority, but none can satisfy. Joshua's words remind us that worship is about allegiance. Even if others walk a different path, God calls us to place Him first.

Choosing to worship Him may set a family apart from prevailing culture. It might even feel countercultural within extended circles of friends or relatives. But the strength of Joshua's declaration is that loyalty to God is worth it. One household's decision can stand as a testimony, pointing others to what matters most.

## 2. Set the example for other families

### Joshua 24:16-17

Joshua's commitment is not hidden - it is a public declaration. His leadership inspires Israel to echo his resolve: "We also will serve the Lord." One man's bold statement becomes a catalyst for the faith of an entire nation.

This shows the influence a single family can have. When households choose to honor God, their example shapes children, strengthens the church, and encourages other families. Neighbors notice when a family consistently makes worship a priority. Children internalize values not only from words but from patterns they see lived out - gathering for church, reading Scripture, praying together, and making decisions through the lens of faith.

The call is not to perfection but direction. Every family experiences distractions and challenges. Yet Joshua's words urge us to return to the foundation: seek first the kingdom of God. Over time, those rhythms form a legacy.

Joshua's declaration reminds us that worship cannot remain decorative or symbolic. Too often, "*As for me and my house*" is reduced to wall art or sentiment. But in Scripture, it is a lived decision - a defining commitment that orders a household's priorities and actions.

The challenge for every generation remains the same: will we allow competing gods to capture our devotion, or will we, like Joshua, commit ourselves and our households to the Lord? Worshiping Him as a family is not a one-time gesture but an ongoing choice, renewed day by day.

The opportunity is before us: to make our homes places where God is honored, His Word is central, and His presence is sought. When one family makes that decision, it not only changes their home but also strengthens the wider community of faith.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. In Joshua 24:15, Joshua calls the people to “choose today whom you will serve.” Why is worshiping God an intentional decision rather than something that happens automatically?**
- 2. What does it look like in practical terms to worship Him no matter what others choose? How can families stay faithful when culture pulls in different directions?**
- 3. Joshua’s bold declaration inspired the people of Israel. How might one family’s commitment to worship God set an example and encourage other families in your church or community?**
- 4. Many homes display Joshua’s words as decoration, but Joshua lived them out. What are some ways we can move beyond symbols and make daily choices that reflect this commitment?**
- 5. How can your family - whether large, small, or even a household of one make changes this week to align more closely with the Big Idea: Make the decision to worship God as a family?**