

POSSESSING THE LAND OF PROMISE
Joshua 24:1-28
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green
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Joshua 24:23 (NKJV) Joshua said... *“Put away the strange (foreign) gods which are among you, and incline (yield) your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.”*

1. Admit You Are _____ Inclined...
...Toward Serving _____.

Joshua 24:1 (NIV2011) *“Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.”*

Joshua 24:2 (NIV2011) *“Joshua said to all the people, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.”’”*

Joshua 24:8 (NIV2011) *“I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land.”*

Joshua 24:12 (NIV2011) *“You did not do it with your own sword and bow.”*

Joshua 24:13 (NIV2011) *“So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.”*

Joshua 24:14-18 (NIV2011) *“[Then Joshua said], ‘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. 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.’ ¹⁶ Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God Himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because He is our God.’”*

Joshua 24:20 (NIV2011) Joshua continued... *“If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, He will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after He has been good to you.”*

Joshua 24:21-22 (NIV2011) *“The people said to Joshua, ‘No! We will serve the LORD.’” ²² Then Joshua said, ‘You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.’ ‘Yes, we are witnesses,’ they replied.”*

Joshua 24:23 (NIV2011) *“‘Now then,’ said Joshua, ‘throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield (incline) your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.’”*

2. Commit To Being _____ Inclined...
...To Serving _____.

Joshua 24:24-28 (NIV2011) *“The people said to Joshua, ‘We will serve the LORD our God and obey Him.’” ²⁵ On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws. ²⁶ And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the LORD. ²⁷ ‘See!’ he said to all the people. ‘This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the LORD has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.’ ²⁸ Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to their own inheritance.”*

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