

Running the

Rapids

**CLASS
III**



Sunday
July 8th



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IV

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VI

Moving water with small waves that tug at the boat - it's a relaxing way to spend the day. Most rivers have some stretches of calm class I water, creating a pleasant break between rapids.

Easy rapids, waves up to three feet tall that are readily seen, and wide channels that can be discovered without scouting. Some maneuvering is required during this little rock and roll.

Waves up to four feet and narrow passages that send the boat shimmying and water gushing over it's sides. Plenty of excitement.

Long, difficult rapids, narrow passages, turbulent water that requires precise maneuvering and sends hearts racing.

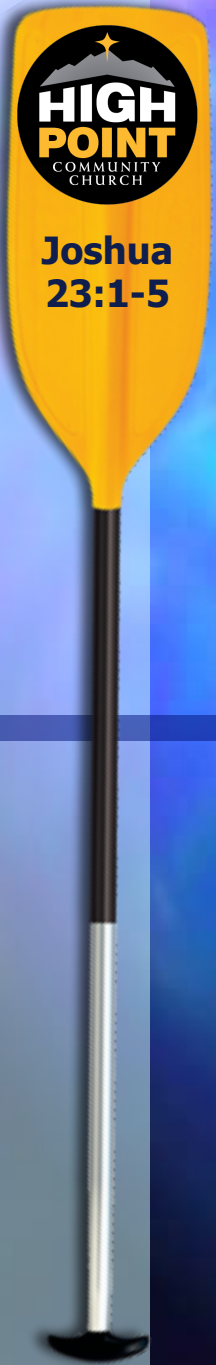
All of class IV and then some. You'll see large waves, complex, gushing rapids, twisting, and spinning. Delivers the consummate adrenaline rush.

The extreme "un-runable" rivers or waterfalls. Only the most expert should attempt this - usually seen in extreme kayak videos, etc. Outfitter raft trips don't go here - there's too much other water to enjoy without risking it all!

**What fears, obstacles,
“trials,” are you facing
this summer?**

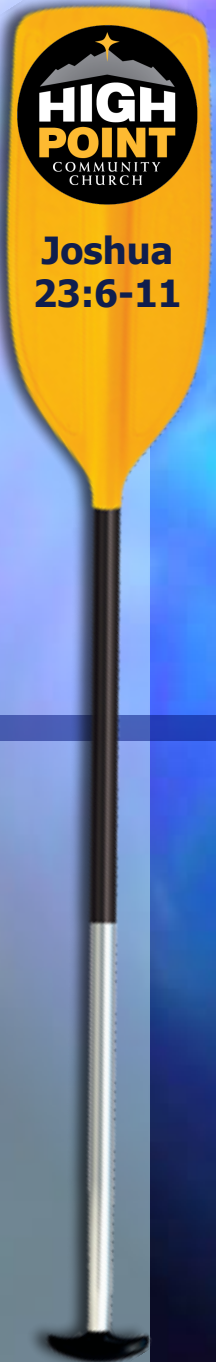
**Financial? Health?
Loneliness? Fear of the
Future? Faith?
Relational (Marriage,
Children, Estrangement
Issues)? Other?**





A Review of God's Faithfulness

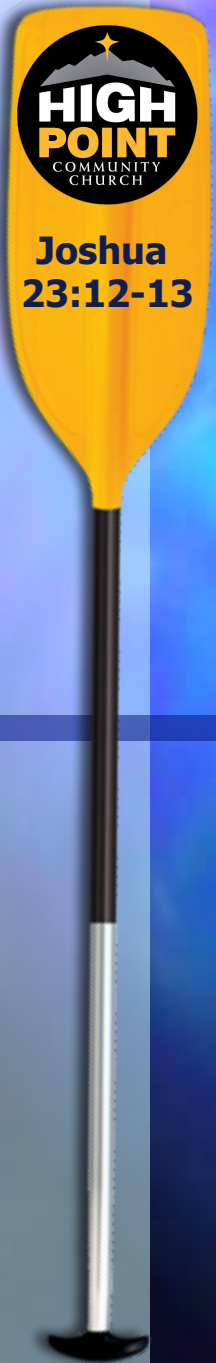
After a long time had passed and the Lord had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then a very old man,² summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: “I am very old. ³ You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you. ⁴ Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵ The Lord your God himself will push them out for your sake. He will drive them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the Lord your God promised you.



Command's to God's People

6 “Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. **7** Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. **8** But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now.

9 “The Lord has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand you. **10** One of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, just as he promised. **11** So be very careful to love the Lord your God.



A Warning From God's Heart

12 “But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, 13 then you may be sure that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become **snares and traps** for you, **whips** on your backs and **thorns** in your eyes, **until you perish from this good land**, which the Lord your God has given you.



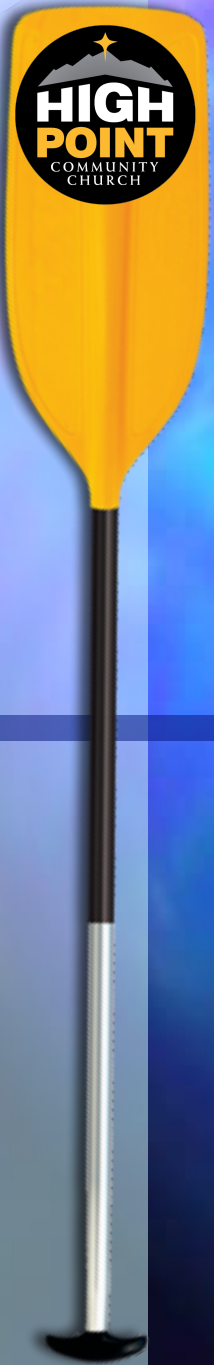
**HIGH
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**Joshua
24:**

Your Choice

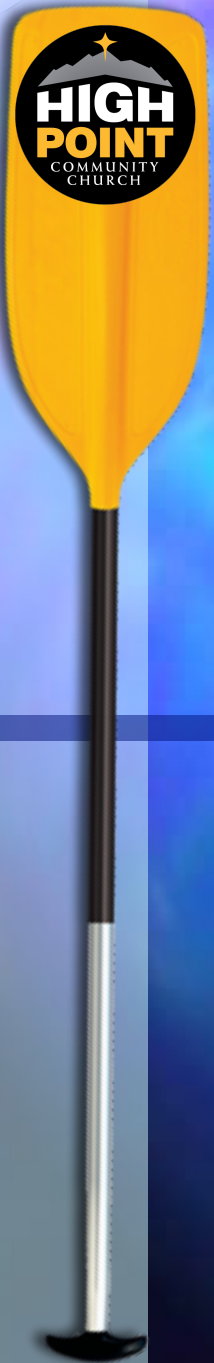
24 Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and **they presented themselves before God**

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. **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.”



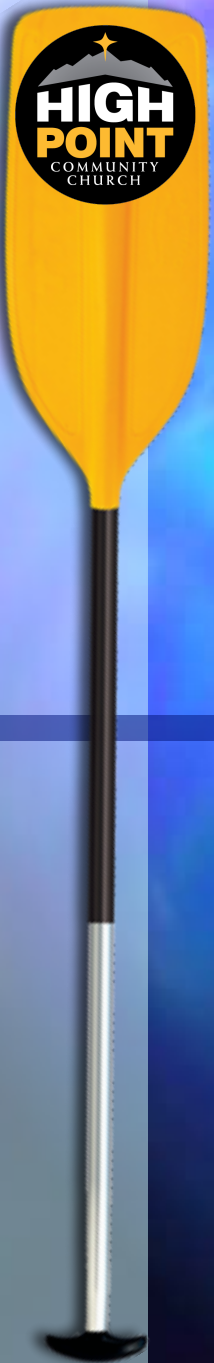
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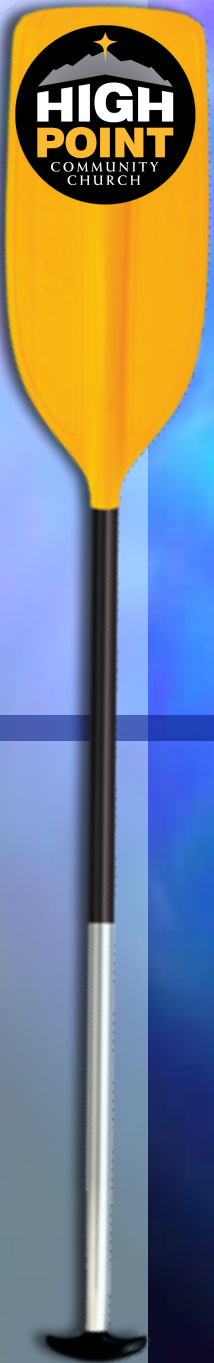
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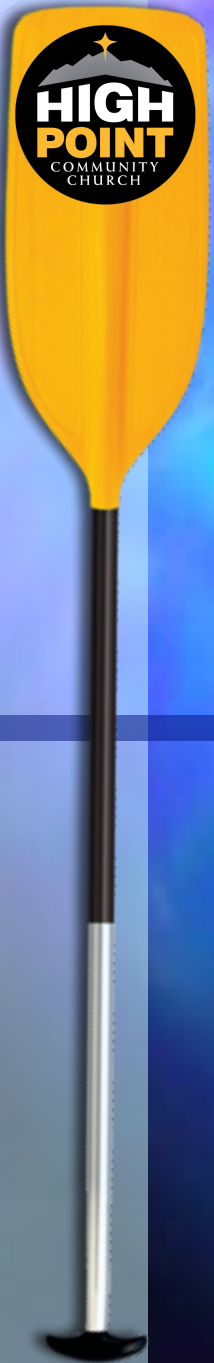
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- 4. CHOOSE to serve the Lord (vv14, 15,22) and be a “witness against yourself”**



Bonus Points:

- 1. Every one of us makes decisions/ choices daily**
- 2. The Bible is filled with individuals who made good & bad choices**
- 3. Not to decide is often to decide (let your yes be a yes...tossed to and fro)**
- 4. Several of you commented on how others choices have affected where you are today (gen curses)**
- 5. God chose you!!**



God Chose You!

John 15:16

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. NIV

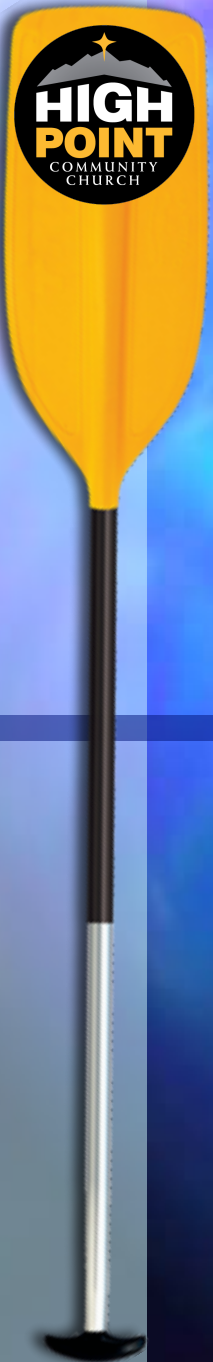
¹⁶ “You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. Msg

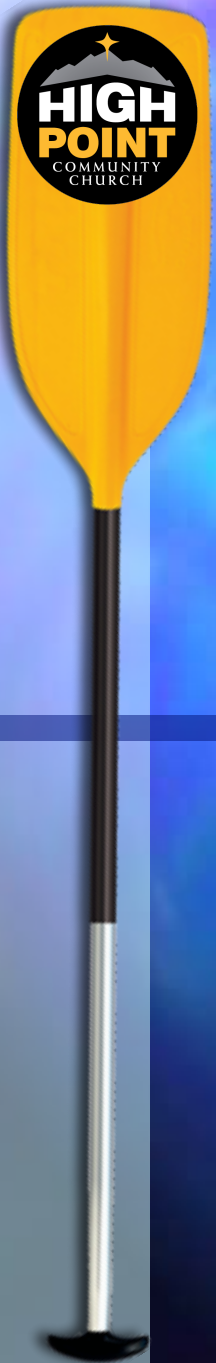
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1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. NIV

⁹⁻¹⁰ But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted
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Eph. 1:4

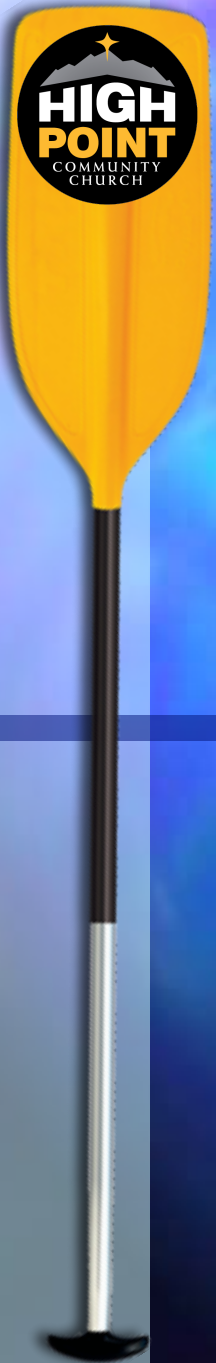
⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

NIV

THE GOD OF GLORY

³⁻⁶ How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

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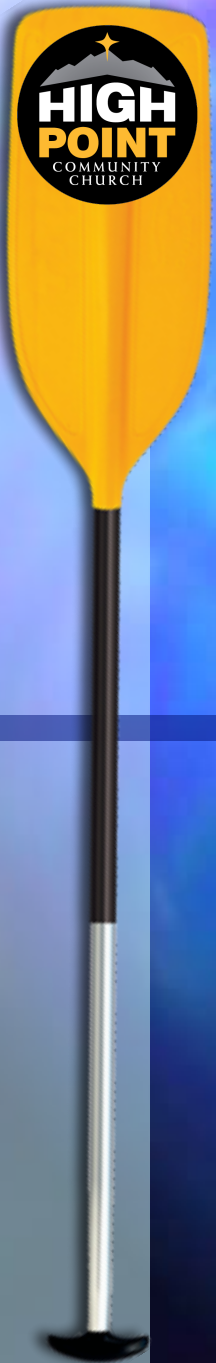


God Chose You!

Deut. 7:6

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. NIV

⁶ Do this because you are a people set apart as holy to GOD, your God. GOD, your God, chose you out of all the people on Earth for himself as a cherished, personal treasure. Msg



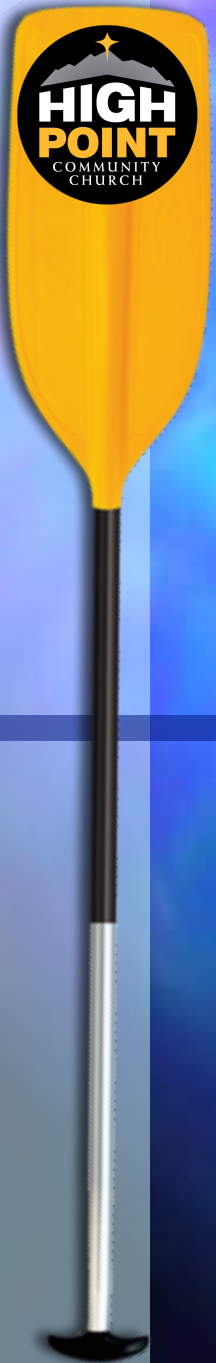
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Matt. 22:14

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.” NIV

¹⁴ “That’s what I mean when I say, ‘Many get invited; only a few make it.’”

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God Chose You!

2 Thes. 2:13

Stand Firm

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits^[a] to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. NIV

¹³⁻¹⁴ Meanwhile, we've got our hands full continually thanking God for you, our good friends—so loved by God! God picked you out as his from the very start. Think of it: included in God's original plan of salvation by the bond of faith in the living truth. This is the life of the Spirit he invited you to through the Message we delivered, in which you get in on the glory of our Master, Jesus Christ Msg

TWO CHOICES

*“... Choose you this day whom ye will serve; ...
but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

- Joshua 24:15

Choose
Heaven
Only by
Inviting
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~S.C.

