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PULL UP A CHAIR

The Three Generations

The First Chair	The Second Chair	The Third Chair
<i>Joshua's Generation</i>	<i>Elder's Generation</i>	<i>Another Generation</i>
<i>Knew God First-Hand</i>	<i>Knew of God</i>	<i>Didn't Know God</i>
<i>Lived the works of God</i>	<i>Knew about the works of God</i>	<i>Didn't know the works of God</i>
<i>Served the Lord</i>	<i>Served the Lord of their fathers</i>	<i>Served false gods</i>

READ: Judges 2:6-9

1. This is the 1st Chair description of Joshua and his generation. They had personally seen and experienced God's great work among them. (See v. 7). What does it mean for us, on this side of the cross, to truly see and experience God's great work for us through Christ on a personal level?
2. There is a direct relationship between the "1st Chair" people experiencing God and serving Him. (v 7). What does this suggest to you about the proper motivation for our service to God?

READ: Judges 2:10-15

3. This is the 3rd Chair description of another generation that arose that did not know the Lord or the work He had done on their behalf. (See v. 10). What do you believe are the key factors in our world today that cause a breakdown of the passing on of vital communion with God from one generation to the next? More importantly, what are the factors in modern church and family life that contribute to this breakdown?
4. There are always two movements away from God. First, we abandon the true God. Then we go after other gods or idols. (See v. 12). For the modern American Christian what are the main idols we are tempted to leave God for? How about you?

READ: Joshua 24:14-15

5. This is a powerful picture of Joshua's 1st Chair Communion and Commitment to his God. Describe a time when you drew a line in the sand, put away your idols and recommitted your life to serving your God? Is there need for that kind of decisive commitment right now?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Brandon began the message and series with this question: What can we do to ensure that faith flourishes in all generations in the family?
- Another key question from Brandon was this: Which chair am I sitting in right now?
- What would it take for you to join Joshua in firmly asserting: ***"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord?"***