

# YES, LORD - USE ME

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## TEACHING NOTES

### **Joshua 22:4-6 (NLT)**

"And now the Lord your God has given the other tribes rest, as He promised them. So go back home to the land that Moses, the servant of the Lord, gave you as your possession on the east side of the Jordan River. But be very careful to obey all the commands and the instructions that Moses gave to you. Love the Lord your God, walk in all His ways, obey His commands, hold firmly to Him, and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul." So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went home.

**Serving God is about WHO WE ARE BECOMING and not just COMPLETING TASKS.**

### **Acts 17:24-25 (NLT)**

He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since He is Lord of heaven and earth, He doesn't live in man-made temples, and human hands can't serve His needs--for He has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and He satisfies every need.

**GOD DOESN'T NEED our service, HE WANTS our Heart.**

### **Joshua 24:14 (NLT)**

So fear the LORD and serve Him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone.

### **Joshua 24:15 (NLT)**

But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

**Serving starts with A CHOICE,  
Not a task.**

We all serve something. Our time, money, energy, emotions - something always gets our devotion. The question is *who* we will serve.

**There are MANY DISTRACTIONS  
to serving God wholeheartedly.**

**Serving God starts in OUR HOME.**

### **Joshua 24:16-18 (NLT)**

The people replied, "We would never abandon the LORD and serve other gods. For the LORD our God is the one who rescued us and our ancestors from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, He preserved us. It was the LORD who drove out the Amorites and the other nations living here in the land. So we, too, will serve the LORD, for He alone is our God."

**God's work in us becomes GOD'S WORK THROUGH US.**

**NEXT WEEK: YES, LORD - SHAPE ME**

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Thank you for joining us!*