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Choosing to serve the Lord, day after day, is the choice that impacts all other choices. It's this choice that leads to a joy-filled life of influence in Christ.

# Joshua Points to Jesus

1. **Yeshua:** the Greek name Jesus simply translates the Hebrew name Joshua, which means “Yahweh is salvation”
2. **A Type of Christ:** Joshua is seen as a type of Christ in his work of leading Israel triumphantly into the rest of their promised possession, the land of Canaan

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# 1. Choosing is Powerful

“What is the most spiritual activity you can engage in? ...To choose. A church that is moving is a place where people are empowered to make choices and understand the responsibility to choose. God created human beings with the capacity to choose. Choosing is the most spiritual activity a human being can engage in.”

- Erwin McManus

Every choice I make determines not only who I am today, but who I am choosing to become

# 2. Choosing Reveals Our Worship

“But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. ... - Joshua 24:15a

We worship whatever we look at and say in our heart of hearts, “If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.”

# Counterfeit gods

1. gods of Upbringing – Family patterns and value systems. Anger, worry, alcohol, deception, distrust, etc.

- What elements of your upbringing can become a “functional savior” to you?

2. gods of Culture – Money, sex, consumerism, control, comfort, beauty, health, etc.

- What parts of culture compete most heavily for your devotion?

# 3. Choosing the Lord is Everything

“But as for me and my family, **we will serve the Lord.**” - Joshua 24:15

- Joshua was undoubtedly affirming, ‘I have chosen, and I will choose.’ - Schaeffer
1. **Remember That God is Faithful.** Jesus said “You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit,” John 15:16a
  2. **Make Daily Surrender a Habit.** “My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” - Galatians 2:20
  3. **Review Your Choices and Course Correct.** “Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.” - Galatians 6:4, 5  
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