SERMON SERIES: STRONG & COURAGEOUS SPEAKER: RYAN LINGBLOOM DATE: July 4, 2021

## **Key Line**

"Choose This Day."

## Introduction

This past week we went over the story found in Joshua of a courageous prayer that Joshua had prayed, learning about how we can also pray courageously. This week, we are continuing the Strong & Courageous series. This week we will be going over part of Joshua's story that can teach us how to choose this day to prioritize our faith.

• What are some priorities you have each day? (Your family, a job, hobbies, etc.)

# Seek the Word

Read Joshua 24:1-13

- What makes the place of Shechem significant?
- In verse 13, what does God say about the land which is being lived on?
- How does this passage reflect God's faithfulness to His people?

Read Joshua 24:14-15

- What does verse 14 say about choosing God over idols?
- What does this passage tell us about Joshua's priorities?

#### **Go Deeper**

The place of Shechem is significant throughout the Old Testament. Using either the Logos or Blue Letter Bible apps, take a deeper look at Shechem. Where is it first mentioned? What other places in Scripture does it appear in?

### **Talk About It**

- When God is the priority of your life, it will shape the rest of your life. What other priorities might make it hard to have God as your first priority?
- What expectations can we give ourselves to help keep God first?
- How would it look to prioritize the godly relationships in your life?
- How can we feel knowing that God is faithful and keeps His word to us?

### Wrap Up

Reminder: "If you want a God first life, you can't get there by a second-hand faith."

*Challenge:* This week, spend some time reflecting on the different areas of your life. Make a plan of action steps to keep God your first priority.