

Choosing God Over Culture

Today's Reading: Joshua 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; Romans 12:2 | Audio: Day 5

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

— Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

— Romans 12:2 (KJV)

DEVOTIONAL

The call to choose has always been part of walking with God. Joshua said, “Choose you this day whom ye will serve.” Elijah asked, “How long halt ye between two opinions?” Paul told the church not to be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of the mind. Different generations. The same call: choose God.

Culture will always offer a competing framework. It tells us how to define success, build a home, view marriage, raise children, handle conflict, and pursue happiness—and it speaks with great confidence. It may say God’s order is outdated. It may call surrender weakness and humility oppression. It may suggest obedience is unnecessary if we feel strongly enough about our own desires.

But the Word of God does not shift with cultural pressure. God’s truth is not fragile; it does not need updating every time society changes its mind. The question is not whether God’s Word can survive the culture. The question is whether we will stand on God’s Word when culture pushes against us.

This does not mean we become harsh, fearful, or self-righteous. If we choose God rightly, we will love people more deeply and more truthfully. But we cannot allow the world to disciple us more than Scripture does. That is why Romans 12 speaks of the renewing of the mind: transformation begins when our thinking is reshaped by God. We stop asking, “What does everyone else say?” and start asking, “What has God spoken?”

In the home, this may mean saying, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”—not just with a verse on the wall, but with decisions that reflect surrender: prayer prioritized when life gets busy, marriage honored when culture treats covenant lightly, children taught the ways of God, holiness chosen when compromise would be easier.

Elijah’s question still confronts us: “How long will you waver between two opinions?” At some point we must decide—not just in our words, but in our habits. Not just on Sunday, but on Monday. If the Lord is God, follow Him.

DAY 5 • JOURNAL & RESPONSE

REFLECT

1. *Where has culture been discipling you more than Scripture has?*

2. *What decision, habit, or priority needs to change for your home to reflect the choice you have made?*

RESPOND: TODAY'S PRACTICAL STEP

- Write Joshua 24:15 in your own words as a personal declaration—for example: “Today, I choose the Lord. My home belongs to Him. My decisions will honor Him. My relationships will be governed by His Word.”
- Place that declaration somewhere visible: your mirror, near your door, in your Bible, on your refrigerator.
- Let it remind you daily: I have chosen whom I will serve.

My declaration:

DAY 5 • PRAYER

PRAY

Lord, today I choose You. I choose Your Word over cultural pressure. I choose Your order over confusion. I choose Your will over my own way. Renew my mind. Strengthen my conviction. Help me lead my life and my home in a way that honors You. Give me courage to stand with humility, truth, and love. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.

My own prayer:

REMEMBER THIS

If the Lord be God, follow Him.

Going Deeper: 1 Kings 18:21 • Romans 12:1–2 • Matthew 6:24

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Looking Back

Submission, order, humility, sacrificial love, and conviction are not burdens. They are pathways into God's design. May your life, your home, and your relationships be strengthened as you choose the Lord daily.

Posture before position	Ephesians 5 — Day 1
Order protects life	Genesis 1 — Day 2
True strength bows first	Philippians 2 — Day 3
Leadership gives before it asks	John 15 — Day 4
Choose God over culture	Joshua 24 — Day 5

FINAL REFLECTION

1. Which day spoke to me most deeply, and why?

2. Where did God challenge my posture, my order, or my pride during these five days?

3. What is one commitment I will carry forward into my home and relationships?

Ready to take a next step?

If these five days stirred a desire to repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, receive the Holy Ghost, or simply talk and pray with someone, we would be honored to walk with you. Reach out to a pastor or leader at New Life Tabernacle Carrollwood.