

Children are a gift from the LORD;
they are a reward from him.

Psalms 127:3

Bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4(b)

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Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not
turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

True or False?

Wait 30 minutes after eating before you
swim

False

True or False?

Gum stays in your stomach for 7 years

False

True or False?

Sitting too close to the TV can strain your
eyes

True

True or False?

Cracking your knuckles causes arthritis

False

True or False?

Washing your hands before eating helps you
stay healthy

True

True or False?

Going outside with wet hair causes colds

False

True or False?

Brushing your teeth daily helps prevents
cavities

True

True or False?

Eating carrots help you see better at night

True

True or False?

Some fruit seeds can grow in your stomach

False

True or False?

Buying the pastor and his wife a meal is
good for your health

Maybe...

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Direction, not intention determines
destination.

- Andy Stanley
(from *The Principle of the Path*)

“What you do is more important than what
you say.”

- Hayden Wengrow
(*from August 24 sermon*)

For families, choosing Jesus -
is a daily decision and a group effort.

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Then Joshua summoned all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, including their elders, leaders, judges, and officers. So they came and presented themselves to God.

Joshua 24:1

Joshua said to the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they worshiped other gods.

Joshua 24:2

But I took your ancestor Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac.

Joshua 24:3

To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To Esau I gave the mountains of Seir, while Jacob and his children went down into Egypt.

Joshua 24:4

Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I brought
terrible plagues on Egypt; and afterward I
brought you out as a free people.

Joshua 24:5

But when your ancestors arrived at the Red Sea, the Egyptians chased after you with chariots and charioteers.

Joshua 24:6

When your ancestors cried out to the LORD,
I put darkness between you and the
Egyptians. I brought the sea crashing down
on the Egyptians, drowning them. With your
very own eyes you saw what I did. Then you
lived in the wilderness for many years.

Joshua 24:7

Finally, I brought you into the land of the Amorites on the east side of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I destroyed them before you. I gave you victory over them, and you took possession of their land.

Joshua 24:8

Then Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab,
started a war against Israel. He summoned
Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would
not listen to him.

Joshua 24:9 - 10

Instead, I made Balaam bless you, and so I
rescued you from Balak.

Joshua 24:10

When you crossed the Jordan River and came to Jericho, the men of Jericho fought against you, as did the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Joshua 24:11

But I gave you victory over them. And I sent
terror ahead of you to drive out the two
kings of the Amorites.

Joshua 24:11 - 12

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It was not your swords or bows that brought
you victory.

Joshua 24:12

I gave you land you had not worked on, and
I gave you towns you did not build - the
towns where you are now living. I gave you
vineyards and olive groves for food, though
you did not plant them.

Joshua 24:13

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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.

Joshua 24:14

Serve the LORD alone.

Joshua 24:14

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?

Joshua 24:15

But as for me and my family, we will serve
the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

The people replied, “We would never
abandon the LORD and serve other gods.

Joshua 24:16

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..

Joshua 24:17

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.

Joshua 24:18

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Then Joshua warned the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy and jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.

Joshua 24:19

If you abandon the LORD and serve other gods, he will turn against you and destroy you, even though he has been so good to you.

Joshua 24:20

But the people answered Joshua, “No, we will
serve the LORD!”

Joshua 24:21

“You are a witness to your own decision,”
Joshua. “You have chosen to serve the
LORD.”

Joshua 24:22

“Yes,” they replied, “we are witnesses to what
we have said.”

Joshua 24:22

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“All right then,” Joshua said, “destroy the idols among you, and turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

Joshua 24:23

The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the
LORD our God. We will obey him alone.”

Joshua 24:24

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➤ Gather Together (v.1)

For where two or three gather together as
my followers, I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20

- Gather Together (v.1)
- Remember Who God Is (v.2-11)

But then I recall all you have done, O LORD; I
remember your wonderful deeds of long ago.

They are constantly in my thoughts.

I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.

Psalms 77:11 - 12

- Gather Together (v.1)
- Remember Who God Is (v.2-11)
- Acknowledge What He Has Given (v.12-13)

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of heavenly
lights, who does not change like shifting
shadows.

James 1:17

- Gather Together (v.1)
- Remember Who God Is (v.2-11)
- Acknowledge What He Has Given (v.12-13)
- Promise to Put Him First (v.14-22)

But seek first his kingdom and his
righteousness, and all these things will be
given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

- Gather Together (v.1)
- Remember Who God Is (v.2-11)
- Acknowledge What He Has Given (v.12-13)
- Promise to Put Him First (v.14-22)
- Eliminate Idols (v.23)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

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So Joshua made a covenant with the people
that day at Shechem, committing them to
follow the decrees and regulations of the
LORD.

Joshua 24:25

Joshua recorded these things in the Book of
God's instructions.

Joshua 24:26

As a reminder of their agreement, he took a
huge stone and rolled it beneath the
terebinth tree beside the Tabernacle of the
LORD.

Joshua 24:26

Joshua said to all the people, "This stone has heard everything the LORD said to us. It will be a witness to testify against you if you go back on your word to God."

Joshua 24:27

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:2

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