

*Respond With All Your Heart*

Joshua 23-24

Joshua summons all Israel and calls them to \_\_\_\_\_. 23:1-5

- God has perfectly fulfilled all His promises to fight for Israel and to give them the Good Land.
- God has already promised to also drive out the remaining Canaanite inhabitants.

Remembrance leads to a response. \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD with all your heart. 23:6-11

- Out of love, persevere in obedience.
- Out of love, cling to the LORD. Be intimately joined to God forever.
- Out of love, be careful. Be diligent and attentive to guard and maintain your love.

Joshua warns Israel. 23:12-16

- Clinging to pagan people and pagan practices will take you outside of God's safe boundaries.
- God will be as faithful to discipline as He is to bless; disobedience will lead to dispossession.

*Remind yourself often of God's loving, faithful acts toward you.  
Respond by loving Him, clinging to Him and staying safely within His boundaries.*

Joshua calls Israel and leads them to remembrance and \_\_\_\_\_. 24:1-13

- Shechem reminds Israel of all God's faithfulness and of their own commitment to Him.
- God reviews all His history with Israel from Abraham, to Egypt, to Canaan. God has done it all!
- God is calling His people to formally renew their covenant.

Remembrance leads to a response. \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD with all your heart. 24:14-28

- Remembering their history with God, the people choose to serve Him and submit to Him as King.
- Warned of God's holiness and rightful jealousy, Israel again pledges to serve God.
- Challenged to put away all idols, Israel pledges a third time to serve and obey God.
- The covenant is recorded and memorialized at Shechem.

*When we choose to serve God, we put Him alone on the throne of our heart.  
We must regularly search our hearts and diligently remove idols.*

This period concludes with three burials. 24:29-33

- Joshua died at 110 years old and was buried in his own inheritance at Timnath-serah.
- Joseph's bones, which had been carried from Egypt, are buried at Shechem.
- Eleazar died and was buried at Gibeah.

*Be careful with your love by practicing the lifelong habit of remembrance and response.*

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**PSALM 44:3-4 NIV** It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

**DEUTERONOMY 6:5** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**1 JOHN 4:19** We love because he first loved us.

**ROMANS 5:8** But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**JEREMIAH 31:3 TLB** For long ago the Lord had said to Israel: I have loved you, O my people, with an everlasting love; with loving-kindness I have drawn you to me.

**1 SAMUEL 12:24** Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.