

Faith Triumphs: Joshua's Charge

Joshua 23

Main Idea: Faith will triumph in the future as we challenge each other to remember our God-given priorities and the goodness of our unchanging God.

Introduction

- Last words are important

The Final Charge Of A Faithful Leader

- The charger and the charging

“To die is poignantly bitter, but the idea of having to die without having lived is unbearable.” - Eric Fromm

- **2 Timothy 4:7**
- **Remember Your Priorities**
 - Remember God always keeps His promises - **v. 5**
 - **Deuteronomy 9:1:1-5**
 - **Joshua 3:10**
 - **Numbers 23:19; Philippians 1:6**
 - Remember to be a people of the book - **v. 6**
 - **Joshua 1:7-8**
 - **Hebrews 4:12**
 - Remember to be a holy people - **v. 7**
 - **Matthew 6:24**
 - Remember to love your God supremely - **v. 11**
 - **James 4:8**
 - **Joshua 24:15**
 - **Matthew 22:37-38**
- **Remember God's Goodness**
 - Remember what God has done for you - **vv. 3-5**
 - Fought your enemies - **v. 3**
 - Given you this land - **v. 4**
 - **Deuteronomy 6:10-13**
 - **1 Peter 2:1-3**
 - **Psalm 34:8**
 - Remember God is all you have - **v. 8**
 - **Numbers 14:24**

- **Psalm 63:8; 73:25-26**
- Remember that your strength comes from the Lord - **vv. 9-10**
 - **Deuteronomy 32:30-31**
 - **Ephesians 6:10**
- Remember God always cares for His own - **vv. 12-16**
 - God's restraining grace protects the godly
 - **Genesis 20:6**
 - **John 16:7-11**
 - God's restraining grace corrects the godly - **vv. 15-16**
 - God restrains through reminding believers who we are in Christ
 - **Galatians 4:4-6**
 - God restrains through both instructions and warning from His word
 - **John 16:13**

So What?

- Remember that in Christ, all of God's promises are yes!
 - **Joshua 23:14**
 - **2 Corinthians 1:20-21**
- Remember that in Christ, our response is yes, and Amen!

Now What? (Small Group Discussion)

- Read **Joshua 24:14-15**. Pretend you are responsible for teaching this passage. What would be your main points? How would you apply it to our lives and our church today?
- What are the people's two choices? What are the implications of either choice? (Think about **Joshua 23**)
- If Israel chooses to serve God, how are they to serve Him? What does it mean to fear God?
- Read **Matthew 6:24**. What are some common "masters" that demand our service? What actions does choosing to serve God require of me today?