



DOVER DAILY DEVOTIONALS

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On Sunday, we reflected on the final exhortation of Joshua as he stood before the people of Israel in his old age, urging them to remember the Lord's faithfulness. Joshua reminded the Israelites that all their victories, from crossing the Jordan River to conquering the land of Canaan, were due to God's mighty hand, not their own strength. This remembrance was not merely for nostalgia but to reinforce their trust in God and to inspire obedience to His commands. As we looked back on the history of Dover Baptist Church, we were reminded that our success and longevity are also due to God's faithfulness, not our own abilities. Just as Joshua called the Israelites to remain obedient to God's Word, we too were encouraged to renew our commitment to God's commandments, ensuring that our future is firmly anchored in His truth.

Monday: "Remembering God's Mighty Acts"

Scripture Reading:

"One of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the Lord your God who fights for you, just as he promised you." Joshua 23:10 (ESV)

Devotional

In Joshua's farewell address, he reminds the Israelites of God's mighty acts on their behalf. He recounts how God fought for them, enabling them to defeat formidable enemies and conquer the land of Canaan. These victories were not due to Israel's strength or numbers but because the Lord was with them. Joshua's words highlight a profound truth: when God fights for His people, no force can stand against them.

As we look at our own lives, it's important to remember the moments when God has intervened. These could be times when He provided for us in unexpected ways, gave us strength to overcome challenges, or guided us through difficult decisions.

Remembering God’s past faithfulness not only fills our hearts with gratitude but also strengthens our faith. When we recall how God has acted in our lives, we are reminded that He is capable, trustworthy, and faithful to His promises.

Today, take a moment to reflect on the times God has worked powerfully in your life. What battles has He won for you? What prayers has He answered? Allow these memories to fill you with hope and confidence. Just as God fought for the Israelites, He fights for you. His power and love are at work in your life today, guiding and protecting you. Remembering God’s mighty acts anchors our hearts in His unchanging faithfulness.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some specific ways you have seen God fight for you in your life?
2. How does remembering God’s faithfulness in the past help you face current challenges?
3. In what ways can you remind yourself of God’s mighty acts regularly?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many ways You have fought for us and shown Your faithfulness. Help us to remember Your mighty acts and to trust that You are always with us. Strengthen our faith as we reflect on Your goodness, and guide us to live with confidence, knowing that You are our protector and provider. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Tuesday: “Obeying God’s Commandments”

Scripture Reading:

“Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left.” – Joshua 23:6 (ESV)

Devotional

Joshua’s charge to the Israelites to obey God’s commandments comes with a sense of urgency and seriousness. He knew that their future depended on their faithfulness to God’s Word. Obedience was not optional; it was the key to their prosperity, security, and continued relationship with God. This call to obey God’s commandments is as relevant for us today as it was for the Israelites.

In our current world, the temptation to stray from God’s commands is strong. Voices from society, media, and even peers often encourage us to compromise or ignore God’s Word. However, Joshua’s call challenges us to stand firm, not turning aside to the right or to the left. This means making a conscious decision every day to live according to God’s will, even when it is difficult or unpopular. Our obedience is a reflection of our love for God and our trust in His wisdom.

Commit today to follow God’s commandments wholeheartedly. Reflect on areas of your life where you might be tempted to compromise or stray from God’s path. Ask God for the strength to stay true to His Word. Remember, obedience is not just about following rules; it’s about maintaining a close, trusting relationship with God. When we obey Him, we open ourselves to His blessings and guidance.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some challenges you face in obeying God’s commandments in today’s world?
2. How can you strengthen your resolve to follow God’s Word without compromise?
3. In what ways does obedience to God deepen your relationship with Him?

Prayer

Lord, give us the strength to be obedient to Your Word. Help us to stay on the path You have set before us, not turning aside to the right or to the left. May our obedience be a reflection of our love and trust in You. Guide us by Your Spirit, and let our lives be a testimony to Your truth and righteousness. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday: “Choosing Whom You Will Serve”

Scripture Reading:

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” – Joshua 24:15 (ESV)

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Joshua’s declaration, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” is a powerful statement of faith and commitment. He knew that the people of Israel would be tempted by the gods of the surrounding nations, and he called them to make a

decisive choice. Joshua’s challenge reminds us that faith is not a passive sentiment but an active decision to place God at the center of our lives.

Every day, we are faced with choices about whom or what we will serve. The idols of our time—wealth, power, success, acceptance—compete for our allegiance. Yet, Joshua’s call echoes through the ages, urging us to reject these idols and choose to serve the Lord. This choice requires us to evaluate our priorities, habits, and values. It means asking ourselves what truly holds the highest place in our hearts.

Take a moment today to reflect on your own life. Are there areas where you have allowed other “gods” to take precedence over your commitment to God? Make a conscious choice today to serve the Lord. Let your home, your relationships, and your actions reflect this commitment. Like Joshua, let us boldly declare, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,” and live in a way that honors God.

Discussion Questions

1. What are some modern “gods” or idols that can distract us from fully serving the Lord?
2. How can you make a daily choice to serve God in practical ways?
3. What steps can you take to ensure that God remains at the center of your home and family?

Prayer

Lord, help us to choose You above all else. Remove any idols from our hearts that take our focus away from You. We declare today that we will serve You with our whole heart. Guide our families and our lives to reflect this commitment. May we honor You in all that we do. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Thursday: “Trusting God’s Faithfulness”

Scripture Reading:

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” – Hebrews 10:23 (ESV)

Devotional

Joshua’s call to the Israelites to remember God’s faithfulness is a reminder that our trust in God should be unwavering. God had fulfilled every promise to Israel, from delivering them from Egypt to giving them the land of Canaan. This consistent

faithfulness served as a foundation for their trust and obedience. In the same way, our faith is anchored in the trustworthiness of God's character.

God's faithfulness is a constant, unchanging reality. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This truth gives us confidence to face the uncertainties of life. When we hold fast to the confession of our hope, we are not relying on our strength or circumstances but on God's unbreakable promises. In a world where so much is uncertain, God's faithfulness provides the stability we need.

Today, reflect on the promises God has made to you in His Word. Trust that He is faithful to fulfill them. No matter what challenges you face or what uncertainties lie ahead, you can hold fast to your hope in God. He is faithful to His Word and will never fail you. Let this truth be a source of peace and strength in your life.

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God's faithfulness demonstrated in your life?
2. Why is it important to hold fast to the confession of our hope?
3. How can you encourage others to trust in God's faithfulness?

Prayer

Faithful God, we thank You that You are true to Your promises. Help us to hold fast to our hope in You, knowing that You will never fail us. Strengthen our faith when we face doubts and uncertainties. May we always remember Your faithfulness and trust in Your unchanging love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Friday: "Living Out Our Commitment"

Scripture Reading:

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Romans 12:1 (ESV)

Devotional

Joshua's challenge to the Israelites to choose whom they would serve extends beyond a verbal commitment; it requires living out that commitment daily. In the same way, Paul urges us to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable

to God. Our lives are to be a continuous act of worship, reflecting our dedication to God.

Living out our commitment means aligning every aspect of our lives with God's will. It involves our thoughts, actions, words, and decisions. It means being mindful of how we spend our time, use our resources, and interact with others. Our commitment to God should be evident in every area of our lives, not just in our church attendance or spiritual practices. True worship is a lifestyle.

Today, consider how you can live out your commitment to God more fully. Are there areas of your life that need to be surrendered to Him? Are there habits or attitudes that need to be transformed? Offer yourself to God as a living sacrifice, seeking to honor Him in all that you do. Let your life be a reflection of your love and commitment to the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to present your body as a living sacrifice to God?
2. How can you make your daily actions a form of worship to God?
3. In what areas of your life do you feel challenged to live out your commitment to God more fully?

Prayer

Lord, we offer ourselves to You as living sacrifices. Help us to live in a way that is holy and pleasing to You. Transform our hearts and minds so that our lives reflect our commitment to You. May our daily actions be acts of worship, honoring You in all that we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday: "Renewing Our Covenant with God"

Scripture Reading:

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)

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Joshua's act of covenant renewal with the Israelites is a powerful reminder of the importance of reaffirming our commitment to God. Through Jesus Christ, we have entered into a new covenant, one that is based on grace and written on our hearts.

This covenant calls us to a deeper relationship with God, marked by His Spirit living within us.

Renewing our covenant with God means acknowledging His lordship over every area of our lives. It involves a sincere desire to follow His ways and live according to His Word. This renewal is not a one-time event but a daily commitment to walk closely with God, seeking His will and responding to His love. As God's people, we are called to live in a way that reflects our identity as His children.

Take time today to renew your covenant with God. Reflect on the grace He has shown you through Jesus Christ and commit yourself anew to living for Him. Let His Word be written on your heart, guiding your thoughts and actions. As you renew your covenant, remember that God is faithful, and He is with you, empowering you to live a life that honors Him.

Discussion Questions

1. What does the new covenant established through Jesus mean for you personally?
2. How can you daily renew your commitment to God?
3. What are some practical ways to live out your covenant relationship with God?

Prayer

Gracious God, we thank You for the new covenant established through Jesus Christ. We renew our commitment to You today, acknowledging Your lordship over our lives. Write Your law on our hearts and guide us by Your Spirit. Help us to live as Your people, reflecting Your love and grace in all that we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.