

# The Facilitator

Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

9/3/17

**Text: Joshua 24:1-5, 13-28 (ESV)**

**Title: Renewed By Faith**

**Teacher: Stan McMahan**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together*

*Stan concluded our Summer series on “Walking By Faith” as we looked at Joshua 24 and God renewing his covenant with his people. Joshua reminds the people of all the things that God has done for them, showing himself to be a loving and faithful God. Joshua’s call for the people, in light of all that God has done, is to commit themselves to serve the Lord sincerely and faithfully. He warns them of God’s wrath if they were to serve other gods, but they profess their faith and intent to live for God. Even though they were warned, and knew they couldn’t be faithful, they knew that somehow they would, because God had been faithful to them. We are never able to be faithful to God on our own strength, but we have a mediator in Jesus who is faithful for us, and leads us to faithfully and sincerely serve the Lord with all our lives.*

## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. Stan said that God’s people need a regular reminder and renewal of their faith because they are so prone to wander after other “gods.” Rather than simply providing good gifts or a home, God wants to offer himself, his actual presence, to his people. But time and again we foolishly trade him in and choose to follow someone or something else.*
  - What things do you regularly give yourself to because they seem more desirable than giving yourself to God?**
- 2. Our wrong response to God’s call either shows itself in Pretending, or in Running Away from him. We either try to fake our spirituality and have a DIY religion, or we live our lives running after something else to make our life count. Like Harold in “Chariots of Fire,” we feel like we have 10 seconds to justify our whole existence. And both options leave us empty of God.*
  - Pretending: Whose approval do you look for in your spirituality? Where do you feel the most pressure to measure up spiritually? (Why?)**
  - Running Away: What area of your life gets the most of your energy? Where do you try the hardest to make your life matter?**
- 3. As Stan mentioned we regularly need a fresh view of Jesus, to be reminded of who he is, and all that he does on our behalf, allowing us to be sincere and faithful to God.*

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- Where have you seen a fresh view of Jesus in your life lately?

## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:**

### **A.C.T.S.**

*(Spend time in prayer and worship as a group as you consider Adoring God, Confessing your sin and limitations, giving thanks to Jesus, and asking Holy Spirit to transform you. Use this as a time to talk to God about what's been revealed in your heart during your discussion.)*

#### **1. ADORATION (Father)**

***Adore and Worship God for His attributes and actions***

#### **2. CONFESSION (Me)**

***Spend time Confessing and Repenting of sin and ways in which you are finite and limited***

#### **3. THANKSGIVING (Son)**

***Give thanks to Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)***

#### **4. SUPPLICATION (Holy Spirit)**

***Ask Holy Spirit to transform you in specific ways***

### **Prepare for Gospel Community:**

***Pray for those who are on your heart, that God would use you to impact them with His gospel message.***