

**The Days of**

**JOSHUA**

**Sunday nights**



# Joshua 1:5

<sup>5</sup> No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

*\*All verses from 1995 New American Standard Version*

# Joshua 24:31

<sup>31</sup> Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.



**The Days of**

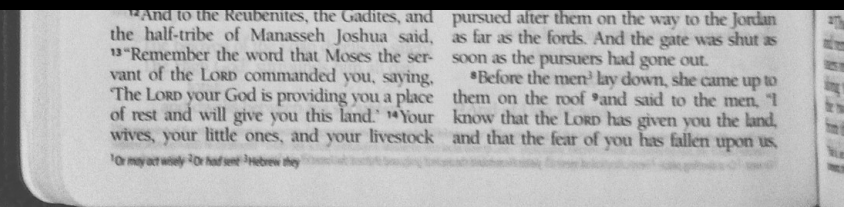
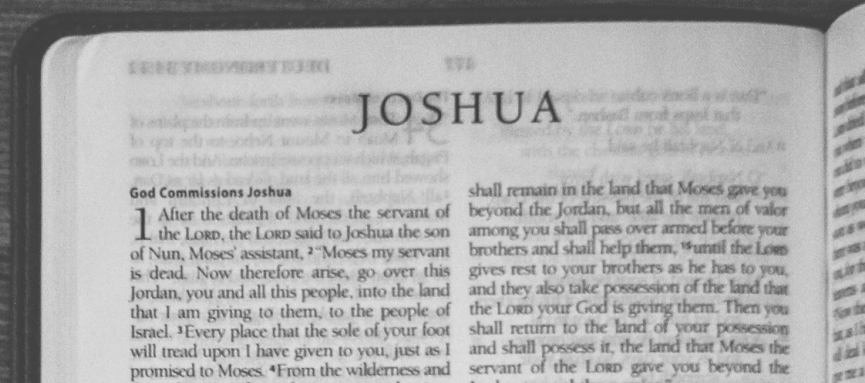
**JOSHUA**

**Final Words,  
Lasting Legacy**



# Joshua 23-24

➤ Like Moses,  
Joshua gives  
farewell  
speeches as he  
nears death.



# Joshua 23:1-3

- 1 Now it came about after many days, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies on every side, and Joshua was old, advanced in years,

# Joshua 23:1-3

<sup>2</sup> that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and their heads and their judges and their officers, and said to them, “I am old, advanced in years.

# Joshua 23:1-3

<sup>3</sup> And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you, for the LORD your God is He who has been fighting for you.



# JOSHUA

**God Commissions Joshua**

**L** After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, <sup>1</sup>"Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>2</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>3</sup>From the wilderness and shall remain in the land that Moses gave you beyond the Jordan, but all the men of valor among you shall pass over armed before your brothers and shall help them, <sup>4</sup>until the LORD gives rest to your brothers as he has to you, and they also take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the

<sup>12</sup>And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh Joshua said, <sup>13</sup>"Remember the word that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, 'The Lord your God is providing you a place of rest and will give you this land.' <sup>14</sup>Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

<sup>8</sup>Before the men<sup>3</sup> lay down, she came up to them on the roof <sup>9</sup>and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us,

<sup>1</sup>Or may act wisely <sup>2</sup>Or had sent <sup>3</sup>Hebrew they

# Joshua 23:6

<sup>6</sup> Be very firm, then, to keep and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you may not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left,

# Joshua 23:8-9

<sup>8</sup> But you are to cling to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day.

<sup>9</sup> For the LORD has driven out great and strong nations from before you; and as for you, no man has stood before you to this day.



# Joshua 23:11

**<sup>11</sup> So take diligent heed to yourselves to love the LORD your God.**

# Joshua 23:14

<sup>14</sup> “Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed.

# Final Covenant – Joshua 24:14-33



➤ Joshua's final challenge –  
v. 14-15.



# Joshua 24:14-15

<sup>14</sup> “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

# Joshua 24:14-15

<sup>15</sup> If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

# Final Covenant – Joshua 24:14-33



- The people's commitment –  
v. 16-24.



# Joshua 24:16-17

<sup>16</sup> The people answered and said, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

# Joshua 24:16-17

<sup>17</sup> for the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and who did these great signs in our sight and preserved us through all the way in which we went and among all the peoples through whose midst we passed.

# Joshua 24:21-24

<sup>21</sup> The people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>22</sup> Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen for yourselves the LORD, to serve Him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.”

# Joshua 24:21-24

<sup>23</sup> “Now therefore, put away the foreign gods which are in your midst, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

<sup>24</sup> The people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and we will obey His voice.”



# Final Covenant – Joshua 24:14-33



Image from: lightstock.com

- A final covenant and memorial –  
v. 25-28.

# Joshua 24:25-28

<sup>25</sup> So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

<sup>26</sup> And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

# Joshua 24:25-28

<sup>27</sup> Joshua said to all the people,  
“Behold, this stone shall be for a  
witness against us, for it has heard all  
the words of the LORD which He  
spoke to us; thus it shall be for a  
witness against you, so that you do not  
deny your God.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Joshua dismissed the people,  
each to his inheritance.

# Final Covenant – Joshua 24:14-33



➤ The end of an era – v. 29-33.



# Joshua 24:29-33

<sup>29</sup> It came about after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being one hundred and ten years old.

<sup>30</sup> And they buried him in the territory of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of Mount Gaash.

# Joshua 24:29-33

<sup>31</sup> Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, and had known all the deeds of the LORD which He had done for Israel.

# Joshua 24:29-33

<sup>32</sup> Now they buried the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, at Shechem, in the piece of ground which Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for one hundred pieces of money; and they became the inheritance of Joseph's sons.

# Genesis 50:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.”

# Genesis 50:24-25

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.”



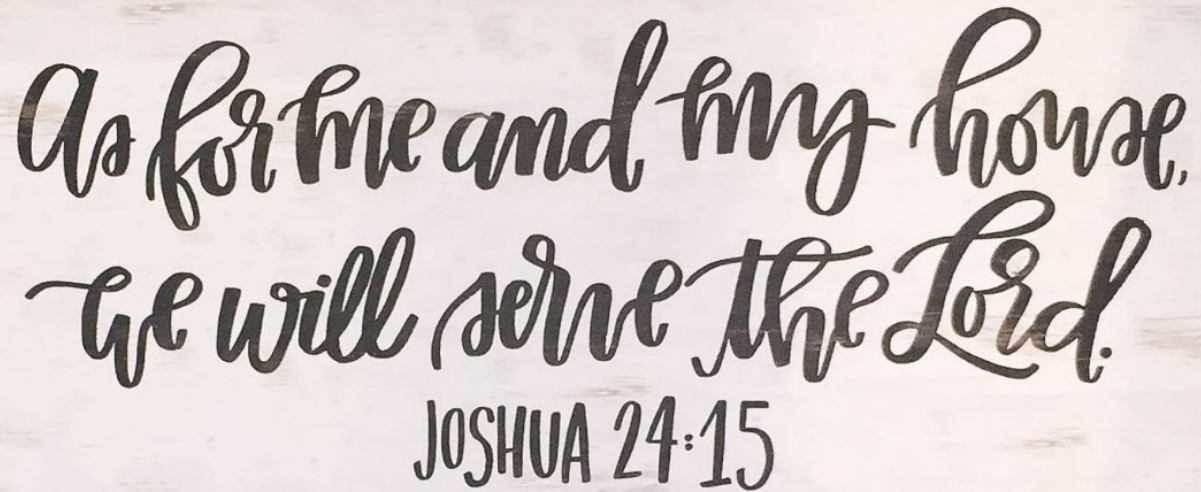
# Exodus 13:19

<sup>19</sup> Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you.”

# Joshua 24:29-33

<sup>33</sup> And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him at Gibeah of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

# Joshua 24:15

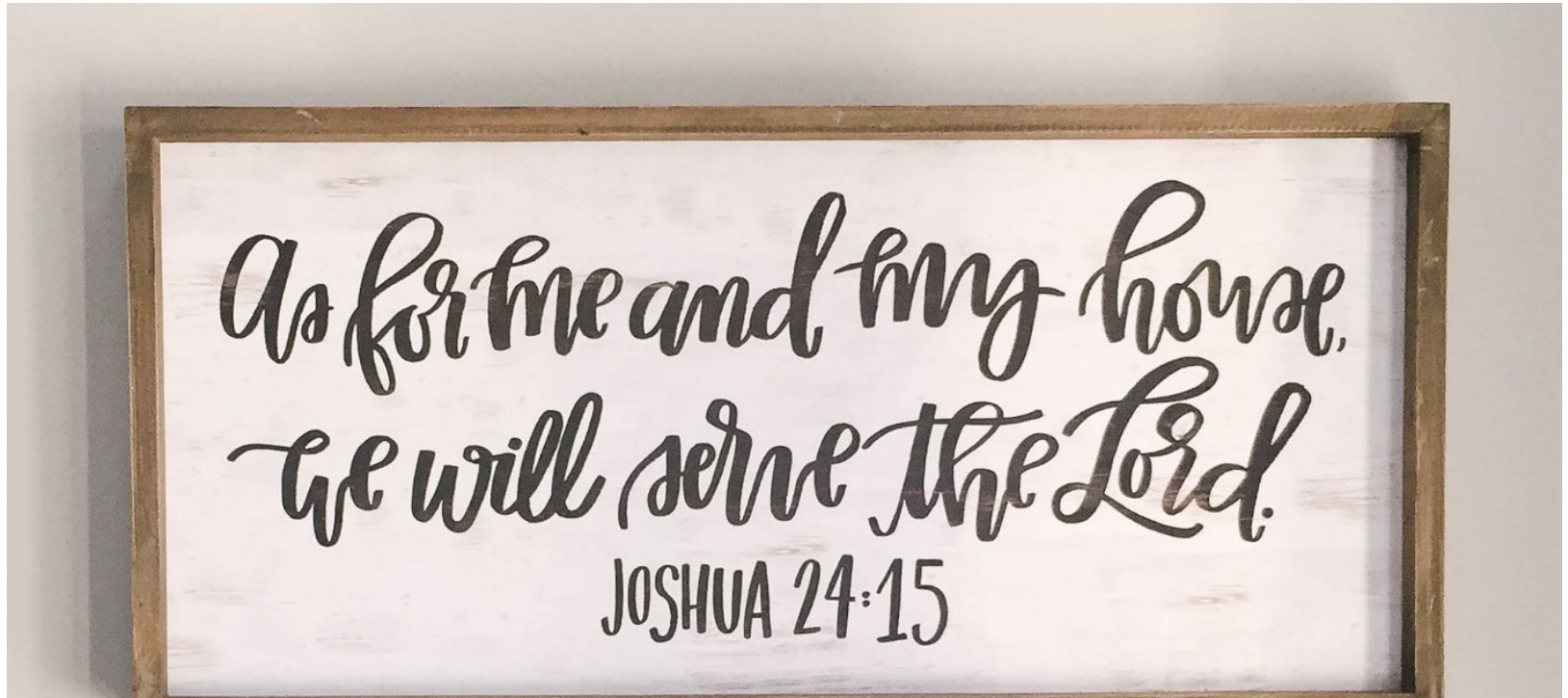


As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord.  
JOSHUA 24:15

# Joshua 24:15

<sup>15</sup> If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

# Joshua 24:15



➤ This is a powerful statement  
about:

Choice



# Joshua 24:15

<sup>15</sup> If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

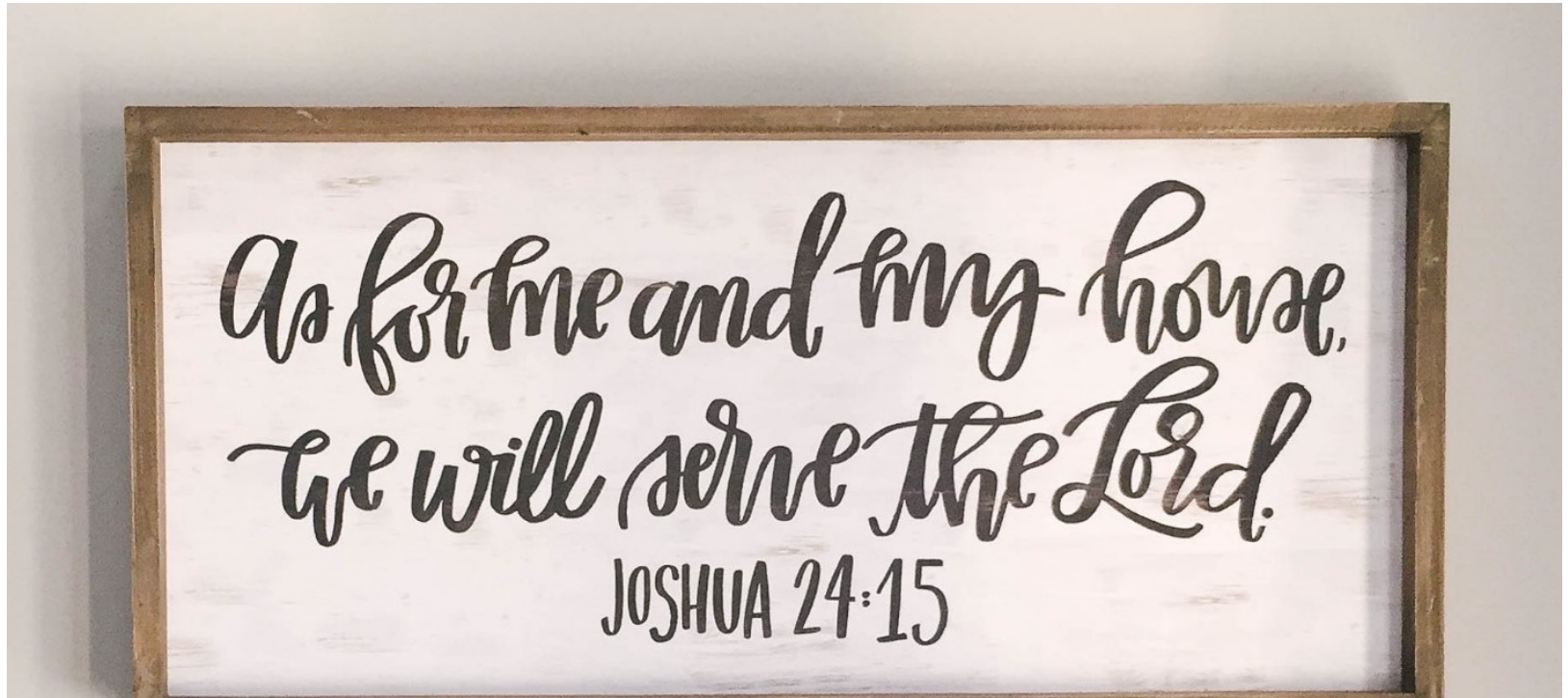
# 1 Kings 18:21

<sup>21</sup> Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people did not answer him a word.

# Matthew 6:24

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

# Joshua 24:15



➤ This is a powerful statement  
about:

Example

# Joshua 24:15

<sup>15</sup> If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

# Matthew 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

<sup>14</sup> For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



# Matthew 10:32-33

<sup>32</sup> “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

<sup>33</sup> But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

# Joshua 24:15

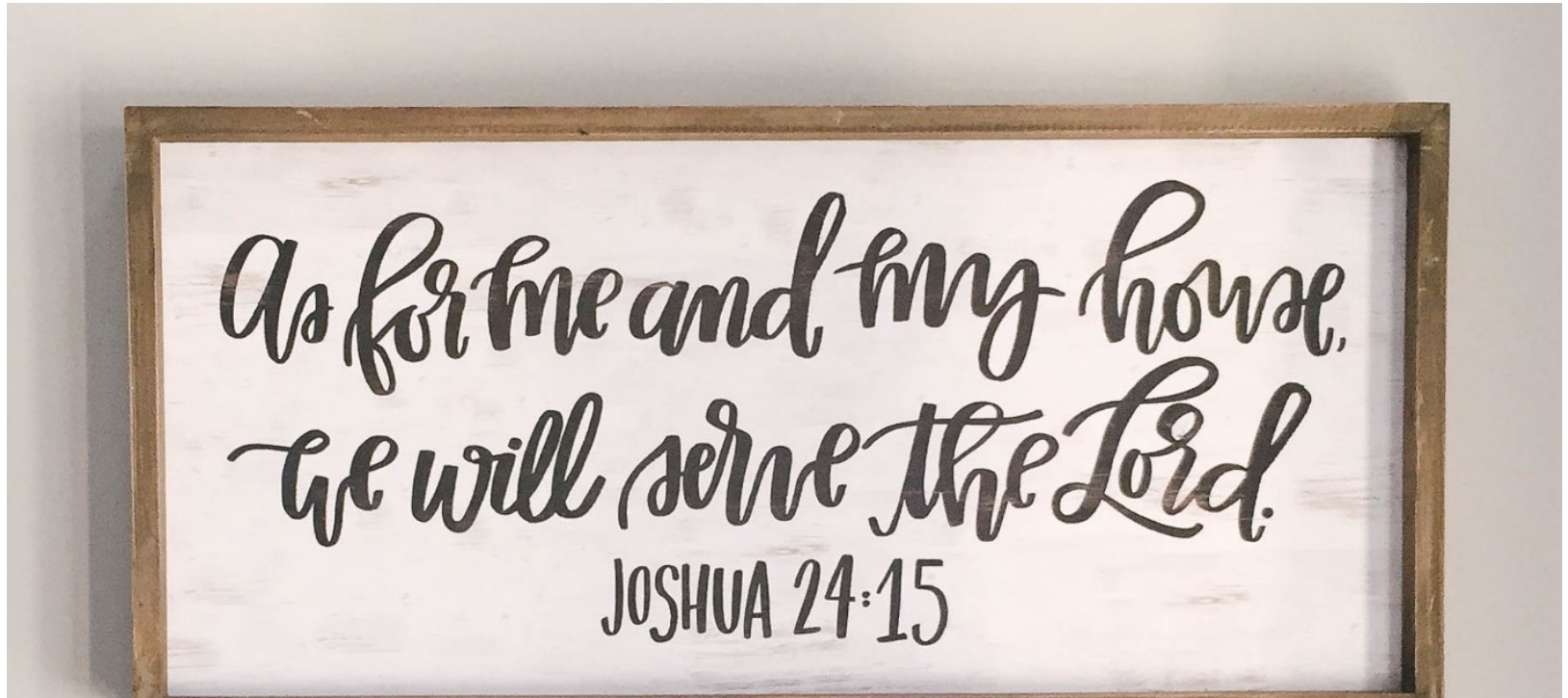


Image from: lightstock.com

➤ This is a powerful statement  
about:

Action

# Joshua 24:15

<sup>15</sup> If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

May we also say:  
“I will” serve God.

**JOSHUA**