

The choices we make from day to day all combine together to impact the person we become. Joshua reminds the people that their journey with God involves some choices; our path of discipleship involves choices too.

we \_\_\_\_\_ room in our lives for things we consider to be \_\_\_\_\_

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my priority choices say something about the kind of person I am

is my \_\_\_\_\_ a marginal choice or a priority choice?

James K.A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*  
our highest loves and greatest passions become our identities by the choices we make  
(see James 2:19-24)

it is NOT what I \_\_\_\_\_ that shapes and builds my spiritual identity; it is what I \_\_\_\_\_ that shapes and builds my spiritual identity

even when I fail to \_\_\_\_\_,  
God never fails to \_\_\_\_\_

## The Choices We Make

Joshua 24:14-24

Joshua 24:14–24 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>“Now fear the LORD and **serve him** with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and **serve the LORD**. <sup>15</sup>But if **serving the LORD** seems undesirable to you, then **choose for yourselves** this day whom you will **serve**, whether the gods your ancestors **served** beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, **we will serve the LORD**.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to **serve** other gods! <sup>17</sup>It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will **serve the LORD**, because he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup>Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to **serve the LORD**. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

<sup>21</sup>But the people said to Joshua, “No! **We will serve the LORD**.”

<sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that **you have chosen** to **serve the LORD**.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

<sup>23</sup>“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

<sup>24</sup>And the people said to Joshua, “**We will serve the LORD** our God and obey him.”



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Understanding the Bible:  
What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

How did the people of Israel answer Joshua?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

## Today's Bible Passage: Joshua 24:14-24

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

J P N A T I O N S A I D J  
O S R P S M D J W N N S O  
H B K D F E A R I C S L T  
Y F R Y W U R R T E F A H  
U O P O H D G V N S O N E  
L O R S N O I L E T R D R  
C H O O S E U T S O E B H  
T J Y I B F I S S R I P S  
G E U P H R A T E S G E L  
B I C T O A O W S H N O I  
N E I M I R S U A T O P V  
G A A F R N N L G Y H L E  
F O R S A K E A J H U E D  
K R I V E R E G Y P T K N

“Now **fear** the **LORD** and **serve** him with all **faithfulness**. **Throw away** the gods your **ancestors** worshiped **beyond** the **Euphrates River** and in **Egypt**, and **serve** the **LORD**. But if serving the **LORD** seems undesirable to you, **then choose** for yourselves this day whom you will **serve**, whether the gods your

**ancestors** served **beyond** the **Euphrates**, or the gods of the **Amorites**, in whose **land** you are living. But as for me and my **household**, we will **serve** the **LORD**.” **Then the people answered**, “Far be it from us to **forsake** the **LORD** to **serve other** gods! It was the **LORD** our God himself who **brought** us and our parents up out of **Egypt**, from that **land** of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the **nations** through which we traveled. And the **LORD** drove out before us all the **nations**, including the **Amorites**, who **lived** in the **land**. We too will **serve** the **LORD**, because he is our God.” **Joshua said** to the **people**, “You are not able to **serve** the **LORD**. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you **forsake** the **LORD** and **serve foreign** gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.” **But the people said** to **Joshua**, “No! We will **serve** the **LORD**.” **Then Joshua said**, “You are **witnesses** against yourselves that you have chosen to **serve** the **LORD**.” “Yes, we are **witnesses**,” they replied. “Now **then**,” **said Joshua**, “**throw away** the **foreign** gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the **LORD**, the God of Israel.” And the **people said** to **Joshua**, “We will **serve** the **LORD** our God and obey him.”