

Sermon Title: A Life Well Lived

Passage: Joshua 24

Main Idea: What legacy are you leaving behind?

Setting: Joshua has gathered all of Israel together at Shechem. Shechem plays an important part in Israelite history as it is the place where God promised Abraham that his descendents would inherit the land (Gen. 12:6-7), the place where Jacob built an altar upon returning to the land (Gen. 33:20), and the place where Joshua and the people of Israel had renewed their covenant with God (Joshua 8:30-35). It is on this sacred ground that Joshua calls the people of Israel to continue to serve the Lord. Joshua 24 builds on Joshua's address in Joshua 23 and calls the people to take action.

I. A Call to Faithfulness (24:1-15)

- A. Joshua calls the people together (1)
- B. Joshua calls the people to remember all that God has done (2-13)
- C. Joshua calls the people to action (14-15)

II. A Commitment to Faithfulness (24:16-28)

- A. The people commit to serve the Lord (16-18)
- B. The people commit to immediate action (19-25)
- C. The people commit to faithfulness (26-28)

III. A Legacy of Faithfulness (24:29-33)

- A. Joshua's death (29-30)
- B. Joshua's legacy (31)
- C. Joshua's Conclusion (32-33)

Conclusion: Joshua has completed his mission. He has been strong, very courageous, and careful to obey the Lord, and the Lord has fulfilled His promise (Joshua 1:1-9). Joshua's successful leadership is not a testament to Joshua's personality, but to Joshua's faith and Joshua's example. Joshua not only talked the talk but he walked the walk, and because of this his impact reaches far beyond his 110 years.

Application Questions:

- Read Joshua 1:1-9 and compare it with Joshua 23-24. Why was Joshua successful?
- Do you walk the walk, or just talk the talk? What would those closest to you say?
- What do you want your legacy to be?
- If you were to die today, what do you think your legacy would be?
- What needs to change? What practical steps will you take to make this change?

Children's Application Questions:

- What is your favorite story about Joshua?
- What made Joshua great?
- In what ways was Joshua courageous?
- How can you be like Joshua?

Similar Passages of Scripture to Explore:

- Hebrews 11:1-12:2
- Psalm 90
- Ecclesiasties 12
- Philippians 1:20-2:18

Songs & Hymns to Meditate on:

- Be Strong in the Lord
- By Faith
- O God our Help in Ages Past
- A Passion for Thee