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Choose - Joshua 24:14-28

What Makes It Hard To Choose?

What would make serving the Lord undesirable?

What is Reciprocity is transactional (duty) or devotional and transformational (desire)

Remember what you chose and why you chose it.

Every choice causes a taking hold of and a letting go of.

Abraham had to let go of a homeland and family gods to embrace God and a new home land and purpose

Jacob had to release the homeland to survive and fulfill God's purpose

I brought you out of Egypt:

Egypt not releasing Israel brought great destruction. You saw.

Israel had to release Egypt to be able to embrace the Promised Land.

Resistance caused pain.

I brought you to the east of the Jordan and I gave them into your hands

Then you crossed the Jordan and I gave you victory.

Joshua 24:12-13 You were blessed,

Who did this with you and for you

Vs 15 If Serving God seems undesirable to you –

Choose who you will serve

Three options:

Romans 6:15-23

American Narcissism makes us self-absorbed and unaware

Blessing from God become gods that we serve

We will serve and obey the Lord for He rescued us, protected us and sustains us

Vs 19 You can't serve: He is Holy and Jealous

If you turn your back to serve yourself or the gods, he won't protect

Your words are a witness, this book is a witness, this stone is a witness

Jesus' hard won victory was not to secure a life of ease but a life of devoted service.

How is your devotion being expressed through your service?