



THE BOOK OF

**JOSHUA**

## Sermon Series Notes

### **“Joshua’s Last Words”** (Joshua 20-14)

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#### **1. Path of Sanctification (growth- looking more like Jesus):**

a. V. 1-5 -Two things we learn in V. 1-5

-1<sup>st</sup> Successfully occupying the land takes work! - Sanctification. **Phil 2:12** – *continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling... (our flesh still dwells in us)*

2<sup>nd</sup> Each person’s position in the land was given by God’s choice by casting a lot. - **Phil 2:13- For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.** We participate with the HS. In the work.

b. Obedience is key to sanctification: V.6 . Joshua learned this lesson well from his boss: Moses in Deut 32:47- *“Take into your heart all the words I tell you today. Tell them to your children, so they may be careful to do all the words of this Law.”* <sup>47</sup> *This word is of great worth to you. **It is your very life.** By this word you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to take.”*

V. 7 Do not be conformed/influenced. Derailed by Dabbling. **Solution:** V. 8 **Hold fast; cleave;**

c. 9-10; Let the Lord fight your battles. Danny: one plus the Lord is a majority.

d. **V. 11** Love God. Obedience, not being conformed and trust God to fight our battles can’t be done without this key- devotion.

e. **V. 12** No compromise. Surest way to backsliding.

#### **2. How do I do this- in particular the key of loving God from which the other things flow?**

a. **V. 13** Look at the fruit of not doing things God’s way.

b. **V. 14 Confidence in God’s trustworthy nature.** [1 Kings 8:56](#) "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. [1 Corinthians 1:9](#) God is faithful, by whom you were called to the fellowship of his son ... [1 Thessalonians 5:24](#) Faithful is he that calls you, who also will do it.

i. **V.14- This means that anything applicable to me, I can walk confidently in. It’s life changing.**

c. **Experiencing God.** V. 23:3; 24:1-13; make it a regular practice to reflect on how God has moved in your life. Joshua: History of the people and how God was faithful

d. **Lastly, remember that Loving God is a choice, not primarily an emotion.** V. 14-24 *The best test of sincerity is not always the open hostility of foes, for this often braces up the energies of combat, while at the same time it makes the path of duty clear. Still less is it at the hour of triumph over our foes, then there*

*is no temptation to rebel. The real test of our faithfulness to God is in most cases is our power to continue steadfastly in one course of conduct when the excitement of conflict is removed, and the enemies with which we have to contend are the insidious allurements of ease or custom amid the common place duties of life." (Redpath)*