



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

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Joshua 24:14-24

“A Time for Everything: Prioritize.”

Joshua was 110 years old. He gathered the leaders, judges, officials and elders of the people and told them “I am very old.” With his last words he reminds them how all that has been done and all that they have is by the LORD fighting for them. He encourages them to “Be very strong” and to obey all that is in the Good Book. He warns against idolatry in the heart and soul. He tells them “Love the LORD your God.” Joshua was not a proponent of “decision theology” as though one dead in sin could come to faith by their own choice. Joshua spoke with believers. It was time for those believers and it is time for us believers to fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness for all he’s done for us.

Verses 14-15 – What does it look like for a person to “prioritize the LORD” and fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness today?

Some of the people still had idols handed down generation to generation which they tried to worship alongside the LORD. What are some idols, sadly, that we pass down generation to generation (whether on the mantle or in the heart) that we try to worship alongside the LORD?

Why do you say, “But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD”?

Verses 16-18: What good reasons did the people have for trusting and following the true God, the LORD, wholeheartedly?

Verses 19-20: Why did Joshua challenge them on their confession and their pledge to follow the LORD?

What does our track record look like when it comes to following the LORD wholeheartedly?

In our use of time –

In our use of money –

In our use of God’s Word –

Verses 21-24: The people double down and commit to follow the LORD. Joshua had to make them think. Joshua had to show them how serious this is. And the people committed. What will the seriousness of this commitment look like in your life this week?

How did Jesus show his full commitment to his Father’s will to serve and save us sinners?

Did Jesus ever waver in his commitment?

What did Jesus’ faithfulness accomplish for you?

Jesus won your forgiveness by the cross and empty tomb. Through Word and Sacrament the Holy Spirit not only created faith and a new person in your heart, he also strengthens you to follow the LORD with all your heart, strength, soul and mind. What is one area you will pray for strength in this week?

What do you plan to do differently this week with the LORD’s help in your lifelong effort to serve Him?

The LORD your God fights for you. (Joshua 23:10).

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