***Today’s Message: Decisive***

***Non-Series Message***

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***Joshua 24***

*Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.*

***MAP SHOWING SHECHEM LOCATION***

<https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/shechem-map.png>

***13****So I* ***gave*** *you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’*

***Key word verses 1-13: Gave***

***Similarities:***

1. ***Comfortable Living***
2. ***Knew God’s Track Record***
3. ***Knew God’s Grace***

***Key word verses 14-33: Serve***

***14****“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.*

***15****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.”*

*19Joshua 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. 20If 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.”*

***You can’t serve God because …***

***you diminish His grace.***

***you hold something back.***

***you keep waiting till tomorrow.***

*21But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.”*

***22****Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord.”*

*“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.*

***23****“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”*

***24****And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the Lord our God and obey him.”*

Who knows how God will use your surrendered life?

You don’t want to miss that experience.

Decide to serve the Lord with zeal.

***Romans 12:11***

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*