

4. Think about a time in your life when you were to some degree or another going through the motions and your faith lacked sincerity. How did God get you back on track?

5. Read Joshua 24:1-13. How does the story of God so far (recounted by Joshua) highlight God's personal involvement in the story, his election, his grace, and his provision (regarding provision, see also Deuteronomy 8:11-20)?

6. Read Joshua 24:16-23. How do Joshua's challenging words call us to commitment to God and to our faith community?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply.

**SERIES:** Promised Land (Gospel Project)

**SERMON 6:** "As for me and my house"

**TEXT:** Joshua 24:1-23

**DATE:** April 22/23, 2017

God has no \_\_\_\_\_.

### **A Five-point Plan for Passing on your Faith**

1. Grow and live in your faith in such a way that you provide a \_\_\_\_\_ model for the next generation.

Joshua 24:14

You can't pass on what you don't \_\_\_\_\_.

You can't pass on a faith that your children would never \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Tell the whole story of God's \_\_\_\_\_ early and often.  
Joshua 24:1-13; Deuteronomy 8:11-18

- God is \_\_\_\_\_—he's part of our story.

"This marks Yahweh's lone, personal, direct address to assembled Israel in the book [of Joshua]. ...The effect is to portray God not as an aloof commander-in-chief speaking from offsite through his field commander, but as a personal participant in the proceedings. On this occasion, God himself personally engages his people "on the ground" and in their midst, a party to the relationship at stake in the present proceedings. He speaks as the "God of Israel"—the God with a long-standing, unique relationship with the people he is addressing. He speaks as someone who wants that long history of relationship to continue and to thrive." (Robert Hubbard, Jr.)

- Our entire faith comes from God's \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ is at the root of everything we have.  
"Such a review of covenant history, the story of the King's grace. Do you being to feel the gentle handcuffs of God's goodness slipping around the wrists of your heart? ...Do you feel the claim of this text, the pull it exerts upon your affections?" (Dale Ralph Davis)

3. Call for \_\_\_\_\_.  
Joshua 24:15

4. Draw strength and encouragement from your \_\_\_\_\_.  
Joshua 24:16-22

5. Lead into \_\_\_\_\_.  
Joshua 24:23

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#### Family Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important for our family to act in ways that line up with what we say we believe?
2. Joshua committed himself and his family to serving the Lord. What are some practical ways our family can cultivate this same commitment?
3. Why are you a Christian?

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#### CHRIST CONNECTION

Joshua was God's chosen servant to bring the Israelites into the Promised Land. His story points forward to Jesus Christ, God's chosen servant who will bring God's people to their eternal inheritance.

#### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What are the implications of the fact that God has no grandchildren?
3. Read Joshua 24:14-15. What are the characteristics of worship and service to God that is done "in sincerity and faithfulness"?

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#### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Whom can we trust?