

04 – Joshua 22-24 – Keeping faith with God

What might cause you to stop following God?

The fear of walking away

Joshua 22

... reminded to be VERY careful to keep God's commands.

Joshua 22:10 ... 2 ½ tribes build an imposing altar

... not acted in rebellion

Their motivation is to ensure that not just themselves BUT also their off spring might take following God seriously!

Joshua reminds them

Chapter 23

... of all that God has done for them, and all that God has given them and all that God requires of them.

Joshua 23:12 ... two clear dangers they face.

Firstly ... turn away from God and ally themselves with some of the nations

Secondly... intermarry with these tribes and associate with them.

God reminds them

chapter 24

The covenant is renewed, a stone is laid as a witness and the people are sent back to their land... their inheritance ... given to them by God.

“Will they do what they said they would do?”

Judges 2:8 - Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. 9 And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash. 10 After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what he had done for Israel. 11 Then the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord and served the Baals.

For us today

1) Know the goodness of God

2) Godly living that flows from this

“Are we prepared to follow YHWH wholeheartedly?”

“Do you follow YHWH STABO?”

3) The Gospel, Godly living and the next generation

a) Praying for godly wisdom

b) Working hard at our own example of Godly living.

c) Graciously encouraging each other in following God in a broken and complex world

Qu for discussion: How do you as parents or grandparents or as fellow followers of Jesus at the same church seek to encourage the next generation to follow Jesus wholeheartedly?