

Take the Next Step

Follow the Path - Joshua 24:19-28

Read/Reflect

1. Read Joshua 24:1-28. Reflect on this entire passage. What parts of the passage stand out for you?
2. Why do you think Joshua responded the way he did (vss.19-20) to the people's enthusiastic response (vss.16-18) to Joshua's earlier challenge (vss.14-15)?

Explore

3. What would you have said if you were Joshua, in response to the people taking up their challenge?
 - What kinds of things do you tell yourself when you make the kind of commitment God's people make in Joshua 24:16-18?
 - If you've taken "The Next Step" spiritual assessment, what have you told yourself about next steps you considered taking?
 - How have you encouraged others in the next steps they may be taking?
4. What motivates God in his commitment to you, and what keeps him faithful to his promises?
5. What motivates you in your commitment to God, and what keeps you faithful to your promises?
6. From what you know of the Old Testament story, what would be some of the stumbling blocks the people of Israel would face in staying faithful to their commitments? What are some of the stumbling blocks you will face in keeping faithful to your "next step?"
 - Idol(s)
 - Stubbornness
 - Pride
 - Selfishness
 - Busyness
 - Comfort & Leisure
 - Other

Pray

- Thank God for what he has done for us, and pray for a heart of thankfulness. (Joshua 24:2-13)
- Commit your next step to God, entrust to him the ability to keep you faithful.
- Pray for the Spirit's blessing to receive God's love and to love God with all your heart.

