

A Believers walk in this life.

Joshua 24:14 - 18 *"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God."*

This passage and especially Verse 15 is one of the most misused verses in the bible. Never is the entirety of the scriptures does God tell a lost sinner to choose Jesus Christ. Never does God ever tell a lost sinner to make a decision in choosing Jesus Christ over Satan. Never does God ever tell a lost sinner to pray a prayer to be saved. Never does God every in any of the sixty-six books of the bible to do anything to be saved, except to believe on Jesus Christ, and that is only done by the intervention and power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:14** *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."* Therefore, our service to God should be preeminent in our earthly living. Since today is Mother's Day lets use our godly mothers as an example, The Lord said in **Proverbs 12:4** *"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."* A virtuous woman is a woman who is faithful, to her husband and more so to the Lord. She is submissive to her husband and her Lord, not allowing anything causing her to be unfaithful to either. The Lord goes on to describe a virtuous woman in **Proverbs 31:10 - 12** *"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."* This woman must be very faithful to her husband who is her head in the family, but also to her Lord who is head of both. **1 Corinthians 11:3** *"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."* There is no question that faithfulness is what makes one virtuous or faithful to our Lord and God.

Today it is hard to find virtuousness in the world, a virtuous woman, nor a virtuous man nor a virtuous family, nor a virtuous church. But please note, I did not say impossible but hard. Therefore, the question must ask, why is it so hard? The answer is faithfulness, and their walk in this world. The choice that Joshua was talking about in verse in **verse 15** when he said “...choose you this day whom ye will serve...” so what was their reply to Joshua, **Verse 16** “*And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;*” Christians, for the most part are really faithful to the Lord, but more are not. It takes a lot of energy and strength from the Holy Spirit to be faithful to God. Christians talk about faithfulness, but in reality, a lot really fail, and without recognition of their failure. Being faithful is putting God first, His word first, His church first, and your faithful walk first. Please let us take the little time we have left this morning to look through God’s word at a believer’s faithful walk in Jesus Christ.

A. It should be a faithful walk.

1. **2 Corinthians 5:7** “*(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*” This means - persuasion, that is the truthfulness of God or according to the scriptures. We serve God by faith and that faith is in His word.
2. **2 Corinthians 4:18** “*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*” The Bible explains the unseen things, the rewards and crowns should be our goal.

B. Our walk should be in the newness of life. **Romans 6:4** “*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*”

1. This “newness of life” walk should be, this should be the way we live our lives, how we conduct ourselves in serving God according to the scriptures.
2. **Romans 8:1** “*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*” – There is not condemnation to those whom Jesus Christ died for and bled for, we are no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit, let us walk accordingly.
3. Remember in our text scripture in **Joshua 24** the people’s response, **Verse 16** “*And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to*

serve other gods;” This is God’s warning, not only to them but also to us, **Joshua 24:20** “*If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.*” Are we all listening to God? Do we all hear God? We better!

C. Our walk should be in the Holy Spirit, which includes the truth and fulness of the scriptures.

1. **Galatians 5:16** “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*” That is “IF” we walk in the Spirit, if we walk in the flesh we void our walk in the Spirit, it is like serving two masters, you will hate the one you do not serve.
2. Paul goes on in **Galatians 5:17** “*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*”

D. We will conclude with our last point, because of time, because there are more points. So we conclude with “Walking in Love” God’s love, not natural love.

1. **Ephesians 5:1 - 2** “*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*”
2. “*Be ye therefore followers of God... And walk in love*” Jesus Christ loved us so much that He died for us, shed His blood to cleanse our sins. What should our walk be, in that same spirit of love.
3. I personally see a great problem with this one, not only among the churches and believers, but also among the Pastors and Ministers. I sometimes wonder if our love is strong enough.
4. We have two main things that (1) describes a true Christian, and (2) that a true Christian will be judged on in eternity.
 - a. Scriptural understanding and our walk in that true understanding.
 - b. Our love for the Lord God and each other as Christians.
 - c. Christians cannot walk properly without these two, and I see issues with the love part.

5. We will end with this thought. **John 13:34 - 35** “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”