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MESSAGE NOTES**

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Joshua 24:14-15 (NIV) *"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the 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 forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

**Your life is shaped by the end you live for.
You are made in the image of what you desire.**

Thomas Merton

We become what we are Committed to. Rick Warren

Joshua 24:16, 18-19, 21-22, 26-27 (NIV) *Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! ¹⁸ . . . We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."*

¹⁹ *Joshua 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."*

²¹ *But 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.*

²⁶ *. . . Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the Lord. ²⁷ "See!" he said to all the people. "This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the Lord has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God."*



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Think About It . . .

1. Time is running out and life is rushing by.

What visible impression or "mark" characterizes your life? Are these the things you ultimately want to be remembered for? Is this what you want life to become?

2. What's the meaning of it all?

Jesus asked a very important question: *"What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost?"*

We must choose what is most important in life. Our choice is between the temporary and things that last (eternal).

What have you been choosing? Examine how you spend your time and money, and where you invest your talents.

What will you choose today?

3. Made to Last.

The life that Jesus offers is not just for now – but for eternity. It is a life that will leave a positive "mark" or impact on this world. Is that the type of life you want?

4. The Choice is Yours.

Today, if you choose for your life to be marked by the cross, say this simple prayer to God:

"God, today I accept your forgiveness for my sin and rebellious ways. I believe that Jesus' death on the cross opened the door to a life with you. I invite you into my life now. Teach me to follow you."

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