

## Letting God Guide and Provide Joshua 24:1-28

As the nation of Israel was completing their conquest of the Promised Land, Joshua their leader left them with a farewell message. It was a charge to be faithful to the Lord as they took the next step in their future as God's people. The message of Joshua was born from the life lessons he experienced as he trusted the Lord, whether in the wilderness or on the battlefield. It is his confidence in the Lord that gives us his declaration:

***"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."***

On this Father's Day let's allow the Lord to guide our families as we let those powerful words of Joshua speak to us today.

### 1. We must **live in the Word of God.**

*"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."* **Joshua 1:8 (NIV)**

*"I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways. I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word."*

**Psalm 119:14-16 (NIV)**

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."* **Colossians 3:16 (NIV)**

### 2. We must **trust in the power and presence of God.**

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* **Joshua 1:9 (NIV)**

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God..."* **Isaiah 43:1-2 (NIV)**

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."* **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)**

### 3. We must **deal with sin quickly!**

*"The Lord said to Joshua, 'Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep ... You cannot stand against your enemies until you remove it.'" **Joshua 7:10-13 (NIV)***

*“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires.”* **Romans 6:12 (NLT)**

*“Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”* **2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)**

4. We must **always make prayer our first action step.**

*“The men of Israel sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the Lord. Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.”*  
**Joshua 9:14-15 (NIV)**

*“Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually.”*  
**Psalm 105:4 (NASB)**

*“Jesus gave them this answer: ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.’”* **John 5:19 (NIV)**

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”*  
**Colossians 4:2 (NIV)**

5. We must **keep our homes pure and holy!**

*“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.”* **Joshua 24:14 (NIV)**

*“I will be careful to lead a blameless life-- I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart. I will set no worthless thing before my eyes.”* **Psalm 101:2-3 (NASB)**

*“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil. May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.”* **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NIV)**