

PROMISES & POWER

Clinging
Message 9

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2. **Contemplating His _____.**
(Joshua 23:5-10. C/R: Jeremiah 29:11; Hebrews 10:23;
2 Peter 1:3-5)

► Outline

"... cling tightly to the LORD your God as you have done until now."

Joshua 23:8 (NLT)

A. Introduction (Joshua 23:1-2)

B. Cling tightly to God by... (Joshua 23:3-16)

1. **Considering His _____.**
(Joshua 23:3-4. C/R: Romans 8:32; 12:1;
Philippians 1:6; 4:19)

3. **Carefully _____ Him.**
(Joshua 23:11-16. C/R: John 14:23; 1 John 2:15; 5:21)

Answers: 1. works 2. promises 3. loving

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

When you hear the word *loyalty*, who comes to mind? Why?

Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Joshua 23.

1. Joshua reminds Israel of God's faithfulness in giving them victory and provision. How have you experienced God's loyalty? In what ways have you witnessed God's faithfulness to Brookwood since you've been here?
2. What's one way God's faithfulness has changed you?
3. Why did God command the Israelites not to associate with those still living in the land they conquered (vs. 7)?
4. What aspects of non-Christian culture can become snares and traps for you and the church (vs. 13)? How has the world drawn you away from God's love?
5. Joshua warned Israel against violating God's covenant. Why do you think he used such strong language?
6. When has a warning saved you from making a horrible decision? Share an example with your group.
7. What does it look like to *cling tightly* to God (vs. 8)?
8. What helps you cling to God?

9. Joshua warned that the Lord is not only faithful to reward obedience with blessings but also to repay disobedience with punishment. What's your response to this in light of the Gospel?

10. What future challenges did Israel face? What future challenges is Brookwood sure to face? How can we cling to God as a community?

11. What word or phrase in this passage is most significant to you? Why?

12. In what specific ways can you love God?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these will become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Spend time this week remembering God's faithfulness. Think of times in the Bible and your own life when God's power and love were evident. Allow this time to deepen your trust in Him through current trials. Then, consider future challenges that may come your way and ask God to help you remember His promises and provision.

Memory Verse

Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

1 John 5:21 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Romans 12:1-2

Day 4: 2 Peter 1:3-5

Day 2: Romans 8:31-32

Day 5: John 14:23-27

Day 3: Hebrews 10:19-25

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 12, we'll conclude the series in Joshua, *Promises and Power*. To prepare, read **Joshua 24**.



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