



CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Joshua 24:14-25*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Make good choices, no matter what the cost. Our identity is with Jesus Christ. Our choices must reflect on the way He wants us to live our life. Follow God's direction and His Word. He will help us to make good choices and decisions to keep on the right path that honors God.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Always choose to receive the blessings that come from Jesus Christ (*Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Isaiah 1:2-3*).
2. Choose to obey God rather than men (*I Samuel 15:22-23; John 14:15*).
3. Choose to stand for God's righteous (*Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 13:43*).
4. Choose to ask God first for guidance before any choices and decisions (*Psalms 25:4-5; Luke 6:12-13*).
5. Choose to live your life according to God's way (*Hebrews 11:1-40; II Peter 1:5-11*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Before the death of Moses, Joshua was chosen to lead God's people into the promised land. Joshua was an excellent leader and spiritually strong. His greatest asset and the key to all his success was his absolute submission to God.

During Joshua's time and into this present age, each person decides whether to commit to serve God or not. Joshua made it clear to everyone that he and his household will always stand for and serve God. Because of Joshua's steadfast submission to God, with God's help, Joshua conquered the promised land. Because of Joshua's faithfulness and allegiance to God, the children of Israel remained faithful to God throughout Joshua's lifetime.

LESSON SUMMARY:

The apostles had to choose for a replacement for Judas Iscariot. The apostles prayed to God to guide them in the election process. Their votes fell upon Matthias and he was numbered with the eleven apostles (*Acts 1:23-26*). In the Apostolic Faith Church, the Board of Trustees pray to God for all appointments and promotions in the church, and it is God who shows them whom to choose. The Bible clearly states that all promotions and appointments come from God (*Psalms 75:6-7*).

Bad choices often get us into trouble. We must follow God's advice (*Psalms 25:4*). We must also resist the temptation to make choices and decisions for personal gain and satisfaction. There are always consequences for our actions (*Galatians 6:7*). Therefore, when applied in all that we do, Godly traits often bring success, satisfaction, and blessings (*Psalms 84:11*).

Joshua's choice to serve God for the rest of his life, not only honored God. His family and God's people were also blessed. We too, in choosing to dedicate our life to Jesus Christ, will be abundantly blessed in this life and soon in life eternal.

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