

Week of 04-30-2023
Series: The Story, Ch. 4, Pt. 3
Sermon: Everyday Choices
Text: Joshua 1-24

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: Those who consistently choose to obey God will succeed wherever they go.

1. Rehab chose to join God's side. (2)
2. The priests chose to step out in faith. (3)
3. The army chose to believe the unbelievable. (6)
4. Achan chose to break faith. (7)
5. Joshua chose to do all God said to do. (8-11)

Conclusion: The choice is yours. (23-24)

Discussion Questions:

1. The internet (so it must be true!) is saying that the average person makes 35,000 choices a day. That's roughly 36 a minute (if you are awake 16 hours). Do you think this is accurate? Questions to consider: How many times do you choose to look at your phone? How many choices do you make while you are on your phone? What choices do you make as a result of being on your phone?
2. If you make 36 choices a minute, how many are usually made with God in view? Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. What does it mean to glorify God in even the smallest decisions? Is it possible for all of your choices to be made with God in mind?
3. What is one choice you have made that ended up getting you to where you are now (in terms of education, location, vocation, and relationships)? If you had made the "other" choice, where might you be now?
4. Read Joshua 2:1-15 and James 2:24-26. Rahab demonstrated her faith by what she did. If you are a believer, when did you become a Christian? What are some early personal changes that gave evidence to your conversion?
5. Read Joshua 3:14-16. God often calls us to take steps of faith into otherwise uncertain waters that might not stop until our feet hit the ground. If applicable, share about a time in your life where God called you to step into a place (such as a location, occupation, conversation, sacrifice, etc.) where you had to really trust Him to take care of you & the outcome.
6. Read Joshua 6:1-5. Jericho was a one mile walk around the city and God was calling the army to walk 13 miles over the course of a week. That's almost 30,000 steps of faith spread out over a long period of waiting and believing what would otherwise seem unbelievable. Put yourself in their situation. How strong do you feel like your faith would have been throughout that week? How can we retrain our minds and hearts to be quick to believe what would otherwise seem unbelievable?
7. Read Joshua 7:1-5. Where have you seen the ripple effects of one bad choice in your life? Alternatively, have you seen the ripple effects a good choice in your life?
8. Read Joshua 11:15. Do you agree with this statement from Sunday's sermon: "The level of success (as God defines success) you experience is based on the total number of wise choices you make"? How does a statement like that coincide with God's ability to redeem anything (e.g. our lives and circumstances) for our good and the good of others?
9. Read Joshua 24:14-21. By Judges 2, Israel had broken her commitment. Where do you see Jesus AND the need for a Savior in the story of Joshua?

<https://www.pbsnc.org/blogs/science/how-many-decisions-do-we-make-in-one-day/>