

# Sermon Notes

Week of Sunday, September 6, 2015

Trust & Obey - God is God, I am not  
Joshua 24:1-18 (ESV)

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God is God, I am not

## A. He always keeps his promises

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.”  
(Joshua 24:1 ESV)

## B. He is in control

2 And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. 4 And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out. 6 “ ‘Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 And when they cried to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. 8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, 10 but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave them into your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. 13 I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’ (Joshua 24:2-13 ESV)

*18xs we see the word “I”*

## C. His ways are always trustworthy

“And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you... And I gave them into your hand.” (Joshua 24:11 ESV)

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### D. God is God, don't settle for less

14 "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

(Joshua 24:14-15 ESV)

### E. Only He can rescue us

"for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery," (Joshua 24:17a ESV)

### F. Only He can truly amaze us

"and who did those great signs in our sight" (Joshua 24:17b ESV)

### G. Only He can protect us

and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. 18 And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land." (Joshua 24:17c, 18 ESV)

**What is one action in your life that you know God is calling you to take, but you are hesitating? (Because of fear, apathy, confusion, it's uncomfortable, etc.)?**

Make this your response...

"Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." (Joshua 24:18 ESV)

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## Getting Started

1. Describe and explain what, in this week's sermon, stood out or made an impact on you?
2. When did God show up, and show off, in your life? How did you respond to God's intervention?
3. Read Joshua 24:1-18. Where do you see God's provision in this passage? Where have you seen God's provision in your own life?
4. Read verses 14 and 15 again. What does it mean for you to "serve the Lord in sincerity and faithfulness?" How can you practically do that?

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5. Read Joshua 6:1-27. How do you think the people of Israel felt about the plan God revealed to Joshua? How would you have felt about that plan?

6. When has God asked you to do something out of the ordinary in order to fulfill His plan for your life? How did you respond?

7. Think about what God may be asking you to do (even if it might not seem practical) so that His plan for your life might be brought to fruition. Pray for God to help you overcome and fear or obstacle that would keep you from following God's will and plan for you.

8. Read Jeremiah 29:10-14. Spend time this week seeking God with your "whole heart". Ask God to help you discern His promises, plans, and will for your life. Make a plan to help you be obedient. Journal your time.