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Decision

I need to make a decision. Well actually, I made my decision long ago. I'm now calling to your and my attention the decision that I did make that has guided the entire course of my life. **What decision did you make?** I made my decision to love and follow and serve you. **Why are you now reflecting on and calling attention to that decision?** It is never a mistake to reflect on and reaffirm that decision. In fact, there have been many times in my life when I have gone through great adversity, difficult circumstances and almost overwhelming trials when I have needed to reflect on, rely on and reaffirm my past decision. After all, my decision wasn't for one day, it was for today, tomorrow, and forever. **That is very good. You have made a firm and irrevocable decision to love and follow and serve me.** Yes, that's it exactly. **So, your past decision has helped carry through great difficulties as you have relied on me.** Yes, and I would put the heavy emphasis on relying on you. You have guarded and guided me. You have picked me up and encouraged me. You have kept me going. You have made me able to continue to love and follow and serve you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. **Yes, I have done and will continue to do that for you. You can place all your faith and hope and trust me in me.** That I will do. **That will be very good.**

There is another very good reason to reflect on my decision. **Why is that?** My saying yes to loving and following and serving you meant that I was also saying no to many other things and possible pursuits. My decision meant that I was going to live a life that was good and right and pleasing to you. My decision meant that I was going to make it my desire to become like you. That includes loving like you loved, giving like you gave and serving like you served. **You have thought quite deeply about what your decision has meant.** That's true. So, the first no answer I made was to myself. My decision meant that I was not going to live for myself. I was not going to allow my life to be filled with worldly pursuits. I would not make money and materialism and comfort and pleasure my gods. **What else?** I would not make power and prestige and position my gods either. The second no answer I made was to anything that was outside your will. So, it has become the goal of my life, my hope and desire, my purpose and plan to seek to know and do your will. With your power and strength, I have sought and am seeking to go and do whatever you ask me. My life is in your hands. I am at your service. My decision has been made both for now and forever. **That is very good.**

Lord, nothing and no one other than you is worthy of my service. Today, I will only give my heart and mind and life to you. No other, so called gods will have any place in my life. You and you only will I serve with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Serve The Lord*

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NIV Joshua 24:15

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But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

NLT Joshua 24:15

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Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

NRSV Joshua 24:15

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And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served on the other side of 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.

AMP Joshua 24:15

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"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

NASB Joshua 24:15

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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."

ESV Joshua 24:15

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NKJV Joshua 24:15

Becoming Like Christ *Worship God*

"If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship GOD, then choose a god you'd rather serve—and do it today. Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you're now living. As for me and my family, we'll worship GOD."

MSG Joshua 24:15

Becoming Like Christ *Serve The Lord*

But if you are unwilling to obey the Lord, then decide today whom you will obey. Will it be the gods of your ancestors beyond the Euphrates or the gods of the Amorites here in this land? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

TLB Joshua 24:15

Becoming Like Christ *Serve The Lord*

But if you don't want to serve the LORD, you must choose for yourselves today whom you will serve. You may serve the gods that your ancestors worshiped when they lived on the other side of the Euphrates River, or you may serve the gods of the Amorites who lived in this land. As for me and my family, we will serve the LORD."

NCV Joshua 24:15

Serve The Lord

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Becoming Like Christ – Joshua 24:15

In Context: *Read Joshua 24*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What are some things other than the Lord that people give their life to and decide to serve?

Why is important for you to make an advance decision to serve the Lord throughout your life?

Why can you anticipate that serving the Lord will be uncomfortable, challenging and difficult at times?

How has your faith in the Lord grown as you have continued to serve Him throughout your life?

When has making an advance to serve the Lord helped you keep going through difficult challenges?

When have difficult challenges caused you to reaffirm your prior decision to serve the Lord?

How is your serving the Lord one way you express your devotion to and worship of Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make a decision today for now and for all time that you will serve the Lord with all your heart, mind, soul and strength.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you many different opportunities to serve Him throughout your life

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has used you to serve Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you decide today to serve the Lord with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I have decided to serve you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I serve you today with all my heart and mind and soul and strength?
