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Bible Study:



Read Joshua 24 and Deuteronomy 6. Reflect on the many ways God put His glory on display as He provided for Israel, and consider how much more He has provided for those who put their faith in Jesus.

The gospel in the story:



The gospel message of God's grace is crystal clear in Joshua chapter 24. In fact, it establishes the basis by which the rest of the old testament plays out for the Israelites. That is, try as they might, the Israelites were unable to serve God in a manner befitting His holiness and perfection, because of sin in their hearts. God's statement in verse 13 that He provided a land on which they had not labored and cities that they had not built and harvest they did not plant, is a foreshadowing of a much larger provision that would come through Jesus, that those who put their faith in Him would inherit righteousness they did not earn.

Application

Head:

Q: How did the Israelites gain access to the Promised Land? A: God gave it over to them by removing His enemies.

Q: What did the Israelites do to deserve the Promised Land? A: Nothing, God provided it as an act of grace.

Q: What requirement did God set for the Israelites to keep the land? A: To worship God alone and not other Gods.

Q: Why does Joshua tell the Israelites they are not able to serve the Lord? A: By the power of God's Spirit, Joshua knew that sin prevented them from fully devoting themselves to God.

Q: Without God's help, who can serve Him? A: No one. We all need Jesus.

Heart: Memory Verse

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Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

If we truly understand that only God can provide, for our physical and spiritual needs, then we remain humble and thankful as we come to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Home: How does this affect my household?

Recognizing God as the true provider and Head of our household creates unity, and a shared recognition of our deep need for Him.

Heaven: How does this help us share our faith?

Humbly proclaiming that our salvation is an act of grace, not earned, helps us live out our faith authentically in front of friends, neighbors and co-workers.