

# Walk Thru the Bible

## #5: Joshua

Joshua

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What we're doing this summer is this: we're trying to have a lot of fun. And one of the ways we're doing that is by studying the Walk Thru the Bible Old Testament survey. I experienced this my first semester of grad school forty-three years ago. And the first break we had I went and talked to the instructor and said, "I want to be an instructor. I've been doing this for two hours and it's revolutionized my understanding of the Bible."

And after I graduated from seminary I worked for Walk Thru the Bible for eleven years, traveling and teaching this seminar in several countries like Russia, and Arkansas, and New Orleans. (And I want that weekend in New Orleans back. Don't turn back and look at it.)

Anyway, it was not designed to be done over ten weeks on Sunday morning. So, we're going to be finishing up today. We'll be halfway through. There are forty key words and hand signs to go along with your understanding of the Old Testament. And we'll be finishing the twentieth one today. And we understand that you might just be getting here or are having a hard time remembering. So, here's a QR code that will link you to a video that will show you the hand signs for the first twenty. You can look at that. You can go to the website and there will be a link to that as well. We want everybody to try and learn those hand signs so that you'll understand the story.

Listen, the goal is not to learn the key words and hand signs. That's a good thing, but the goal is to understand and, frankly, to be overwhelmed with the power and the wisdom of God, Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides, God Almighty, the One who rules. And we're going to see His sovereign hand work out a plan for redemption to fix what we have destroyed. That's the goal here.

When you see that all the Old Testament (and the New Testament, later) is one giant timeline, a giant movie script called *To God Be the Glory*, then what happens is that you start realizing that you're safe. Whatever is happening currently will soon be history, and God is part of history. It's His story. So, that's the bottom line of what we're trying to do, to help you

understand that God is working amongst us, just as He did in the older Testament and the newer Testament, and now today. That's what I want you to understand. He's going to make things right.

Here's what we've gone through so far, and these are the key words and phrases in what is called the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. I'll just run through this very quickly and explain each one of them and teach you those hand signs as we go.

## Genesis

It starts with Creation. In Genesis 1:32 it says that God created everything and it was good, good, good. It was very good. And we will remember Creation by making a giant creation. *[Start with hands together near your waist and then separate and let each hand shape one side of a circle until they meet again at the top of the circle.]*

And then man gets hold of it and destroys that, and that's called the Fall. *[With palms facing down, bring hands straight down.]* And now we're enemies with God and nature and others, and we're enemies with ourselves. And we've broken something that only God can fix. So, the rest of the story is God's salvation storyline.

The things after the Fall will get even worse, and it gets to the point where there needs to be a new creation, a re-creation. And we remember that as the Flood. *[With palms still facing downward, raise hands, wiggling the fingers to symbolize waves.]* And then after the Flood, people are instructed to spread out to all the world and form many Nations. *[Push left hand out to left side and right hand out to right side.]*

So, the first four movements are Creation, Fall, Flood, and then Nations.

Then we have four people who are a zoom-in on the salvation story itself. If you remember, we turned the whole auditorium into a map. This is north *[points to stage area]*, and then south *[points towards the lobby]*. So, this becomes the Promised Land. And over here in Genesis 12 between the Tigris and Euphrates God comes to Abraham and gives him four promises that are the keys to the salvation story: that he would have more descendants than there are stars in the sky, that one day those descendants would form a nation, and the nation would inherit the real estate called Israel right here. And in chapter 12 Abraham comes to Shechem—remember that. He comes to Shechem, and God says, *This is the land you're going to get*. This is

the land. And then the fourth thing he says is, *One of your descendants will be a blessing to all peoples, all nations.*

The first person we're going to remember is Abraham. Remember all those stars in the sky? We'll say "A-bra-ham" [*with each syllable grasp a star, first with right hand, then left hand, then right hand again*].

And the son of that promise is Isaac. And he's like a star that is born. We're going to grab one of those stars and say "Isaac" and rock him and treat him well [*pull star down with right hand and mimic rocking a baby with both arms*]. We have A-bra-ham and then Isaac.

Isaac's son that is part of the lineage of that promise is Jacob. Jacob wrestled with everyone all the time. And he even wrestled with God. And his name will be changed to Israel, which means "wrestles with God." That's why we have the nation of Israel. But we're going to remember Jacob by saying, "Jacob," and we're going to arm wrestle [*left arm is horizontal like a flat surface, and right arm from the elbow is vertical and then "wrestles" down to the table*].

Jacob has twelve sons, the twelve tribes of Israel. His favorite son is a son named Joseph. And he gives Joseph a very valuable and sentimental jacket. So, we remember Joseph by grabbing his jacket and saying, "Joseph" [*run thumbs and fingers along either side of an imaginary coat lapel*].

The second half of Genesis is about four people. It's Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph. We'll have A-bra-ham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph. In the story of Joseph, his ten older brothers so resent and envy him in their father's favoritism that they sell him into slavery down to Egypt here in the corner. And Egypt is where he ends up being sent by God's providential hand. And the reason is to save the salvation story. Joseph becomes the second-in-command of the most powerful nation in the world, but certainly in the Middle East at that time. And then, all the Jews end up in Egypt because of the famine. They have to go there, and they are in quarantine for hundreds of years.

Genesis ends with seventy Jews in Egypt. And they're going to be in a greenhouse so they can reproduce and become a distinct nation. That's how Genesis ends.

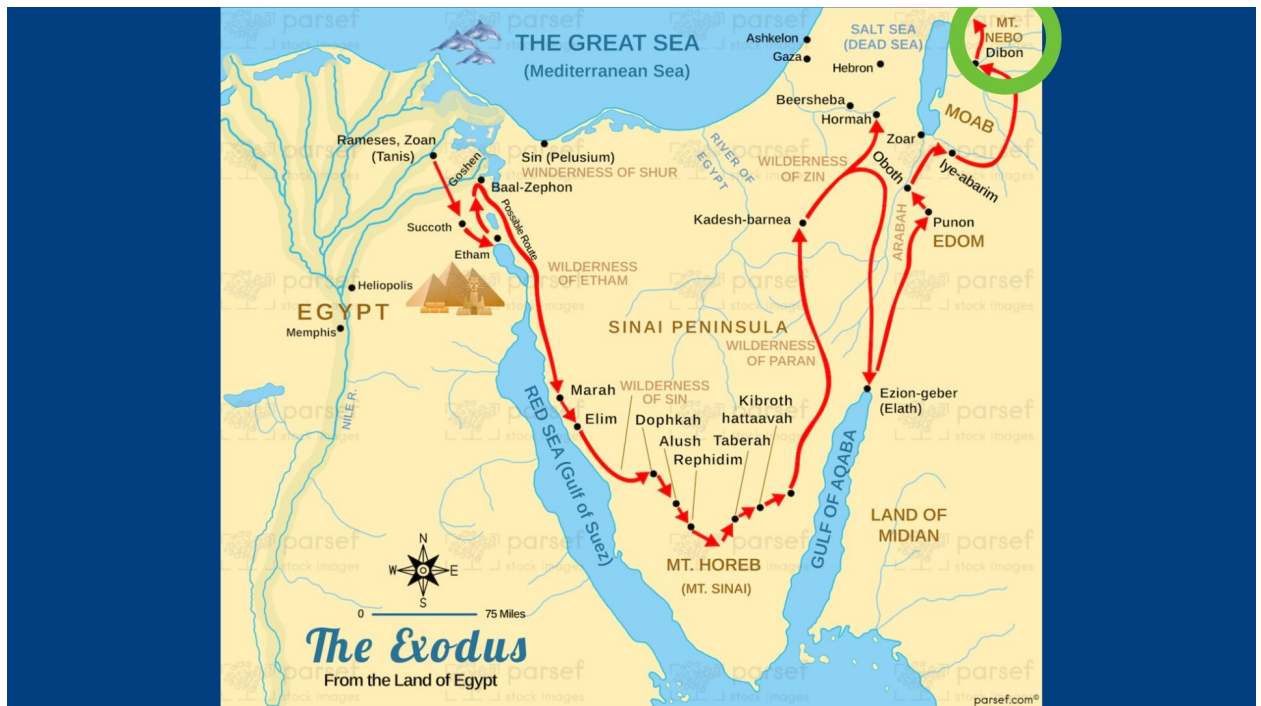
## Exodus

And then Exodus. Exodus begins hundreds of years later. There's an ominous phrase that says, "And there rose a Pharaoh who knew not of Joseph." In other words, there's a Pharaoh that

doesn't appreciate that God Almighty was the one who made them powerful. And because of the millions of Jews that are now in Egypt, he looks at them as a national threat and tries to torture them into submission, and then finally starts killing the very children of God. They cry out to God, and God sends them a rescuer. And his name is Moses [*make a fist in front of body as if grabbing a staff*]. We say it like we're Charlton Heston: Mo-ses. Moses goes to Pharaoh and says, *YHWH says to let my people go*. And Pharaoh says, *No. I don't know YHWH and I'm not going to let his people go*. And so, YHWH, Jehovah, sends ten plagues to introduce Himself, to show His power, and to set His people free.

Remember that the tenth plague is the plague of the death of the firstborn males of anyone in Egypt or Israel, unless you put the blood of an innocent lamb over your doorpost. If you were to do that, then justice itself would pass over. And that's why the tenth plague is called Passover—because justice passed over those people, and they were spared.

We'll remember Moses and that tenth plague—Passover [*imitate paintbrush strokes up one side of a door, across the top, and down the other side of a door*].



So, here we are, we're in Exodus 12 at this point. Then they go through the Red Sea. That's their salvation experience. And then instead of going straight to the Promised Land, they end up going to the hills right here at the top *[indicates the map and the back of the auditorium]*. That's Mt. Sinai. They'll spend a year there. At Mt. Sinai they'll receive two gifts from God. The first gift will be the Law. In Exodus chapters 19 through 24 a covenant is signed. This serves as their constitution and answers the question, *How should we live now that we're saved?* That's the Law *[place hands together palms up to symbolize a book]*. The second gift God gives them at Mt. Sinai is a Tabernacle *[with knuckles of one hand pressing against the knuckles of the other hand, form a steeple with the index fingers]*, a place of worship where they can be in the very presence of God. And this is how the Book of Exodus ends.

## Leviticus

So, Exodus looks like this: Moses, Passover, Law, and then Tabernacle. How do you work the Tabernacle? That's where Leviticus picks up. In Leviticus we find out about the five Offerings and the seven Feasts. And we'll just say "Offerings" *[raise right hand from your side with palm up]* and "Feasts" *[raise left hand from your side with palm up]*. And that's what we need to know about Leviticus. And yet I still forget Leviticus all the time. Sorry, Leviticus.

## Numbers

The next book is Numbers. Numbers is at the end of that one-month time at Mt. Sinai. And they are ready to move out and march, and I mean march. They have a counting of the men twenty years and older because there's a draft taking place. And so, they're going to be Counting the men *[point your first finger ahead of you and move hand across your body as if counting something]*. And then they're going to go up and around, just outside of the Promised Land, and they send twelve spies. And then there's a pivot. The first half of Numbers is Counting. Then there's this pivot at chapters 13 and 14 of Numbers, and then the second half. During the pivot they send out twelve spies into the Promised Land. They spend forty days there Spying it out. And the spies come back and say, *It is everything that God promised and more.*

*Really?*

*Yes, it's a land flowing with milk and honey and more.*

*Well, tell us about the more.*

*Oh, yeah, the more is giants. There are giants, and there's no way we can possibly defeat these giants. We're like grasshoppers to them. It would be better if we died out in the desert than to try and defeat the people who live in this promised land.*

And they reject God, and they reject trust in God. And God gives them what they desired, what they wanted. Their dreams come true. They're going to wander in the desert until an entire generation dies.

And so, in that pivot we're going to remember the Spying [*place right hand on forehead above eyes as if looking for something*], and then we're going to remember the second part of the book where they're Wandering [*point index finger down and move it in circles*] and then Dying [*press palm to your heart as if languishing*]. For forty years they wander and die. A whole generation dies off. And Numbers ends here, east of the top of the Dead Sea in a place called Moab, with Mt. Nebo.

## Deuteronomy

And then we get to Deuteronomy, where Moses gives his last three sermons. He gives the Law, a Second Law [*hold up two fingers on right hand to indicate "Second" and then place palms together and open as if opening a book for "Law"*] to a new generation.

Look what happens in Numbers. We say "Counting," and then we say "Spying." We say "Wandering" and then "Dying." We go to Deuteronomy and say "Second Law." That's the Pentateuch. That's the first five books of the Bible right there.

I tell you what, why don't we all stand up and review that. You're doing great. Let's see—let's start with Exodus, with Moses. Ready? Moses, Passover, Law, Tabernacle, Offerings, Feasts, Counting, Spying, Wandering, Dying, Second Law. You guys did great on that. Let's just go all the way back to Creation, okay? Yay! All right, here we go: Creation, Fall, Flood, Nations, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Passover, Law, Tabernacle, Offerings, Feasts, Counting, Spying, Wandering, Dying, Second Law. Wow, you guys are doing great. Give yourselves a hand.

Where am I? I'm right here. Okay, before we move on you have to understand this. This is essential to understanding the Bible and Israel from this point forward and Israel today. This covenant that is made in not just Mt. Sinai but also Mt. Nebo in the Second Law is a bilateral, two-way, conditional covenant. It's not just a constitution for them, but it is a relationship

between God and Israel. It is often referred to as “the blessings and cursings.” And “the blessings and cursings” goes like this. They make an agreement with God that if you trust and obey God, He will provide and prosper you. If you trust and obey Him, He will provide. Your crops are going to come in, your cows are going to give birth to cattle. You’re going to live in abundance. And not only that, He’s going to protect you. Peace and prosperity are going to break out everywhere you look. You’re going to be safe.

But if you choose to live on your own, you’ll live on your own. Get your own dirt. You’re going to have to make the crops grow all by themselves. You’re going to have to make the rain fall all by yourself. And you’re going to be surrounded by bad guys, and you’ll have to defend your land all by yourself.

So, “blessings and cursings.” And you’re going to see this played out for the rest of what we would call Israeli history. It’s the future as we go through it. And we’re going to see it happen right before our very eyes when we enter the next section of the Old Testament called “the conquest period” of Joshua and Judges. Here’s how that picks up.

## **Joshua**

We’re going to go back down on the map. This is the Promised Land, this is the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, and the Dead Sea. Here we are at Moab, and Moses dies and Joshua takes over. And the author—God, but also Joshua is writing this—wants you to know that Joshua is the new Moses; so much so, that he does a few things that emulate Moses. One, Joshua is telling the people to follow the Torah, just like Moses did. Two, Joshua is going to send out spies into the Promised Land, just like Moses did. It’s going to come out a lot better this time. Three, the two to three million people are going to cross the Jordan River right here at flood stage in the spring, miraculously. The Ark of the Covenant touches the water, and it splits. It dams up on one side. And they cross on dry ground just like their parents did. They’re experiencing the miracle of God’s provision and protection right there. It’s not folklore anymore. It’s real to them. They get their own God story, just like Moses.

They come here, and once they enter the land their provisions of manna and quail are cut off because they’re now going to live off the land. The men are circumcised, just like Moses. And then they have their first Passover meal together. And now they’re ready to go.

And in chapter 5 of Joshua, after the circumcision and the Passover, Joshua is full rank, they're all tacked up, and they're going into combat. And they run into this glorious warrior. And Joshua has his chest out—you know, he's a five-star general—and says, "Who are you for? Us or the other guy?" And the warrior says, "I'm here as a soldier for the army of God Almighty." And Joshua realizes he's in the very presence of what we may see as maybe Jesus Himself--an early rendition. And he falls down and says, "Woe is me." And the warrior says, "I'm on God's side. Whose side are you on?"

And the whole point of that is that this whole battle is going to belong to the Lord. And then that warrior gives Joshua the instructions. Listen to the instructions for the first battle. There are two battles in detail in Joshua, and they're purposeful. And they're about blessings and cursings. The first battle is going to be against Jericho. And in that battle, here's your plan. Circle Jericho with your tambourines and trumpets, led by the Ark of the Covenant, one time for six days. And on the seventh day blow the trumpets. And the walls will come down and you'll defeat Jericho.

Now the only reason you would ever do that is if you fully trust and obey. Just know this. We have our own version of this song, but the first version, the O. G., was "Trust and obey, there's no other way to be happy in YHWH than to trust and obey." And they do that. In Jericho they do that military plan that's never been used ever again, for obvious reasons. And Jericho falls.

The next battle is against Ai. And the third string should take them simply, and they lose that second battle to Ai because they disobey. One of the members did some things that were a violation of God's holiness. And because of that, they lose. And the idea is that it was a picture of blessings and cursings. If you trust and obey, God will bless and provide and protect. If you disobey and don't trust, you're on your own.

So, those two vivid descriptions of the first two combats are to show that, yeah, blessings and cursings are applying in everyday life for them.

They repent, they do well, and from that point on it's very strategic. I love this. After the crossing here in Jericho, they're going to divide and then they're going to conquer the land. And they're going to do it in the south first, and then they'll have the northern campaign. It takes seven years. There are thirty-one victories over a period of seven years. And they take the land, and then they're going to divide it into twelve tribes.

So, here's how it goes. We're going to remember Joshua by saying "Joshua" [*salute with right hand on forehead to indicate a military salute*]. Then we're going to say "Divide" [*with palms touching and fingers pointed forward, move hands forward away from body in a sharp movement*] and "Conquer" [*with hands in fists move hands downward in sharp movement*]. Ready? Joshua, Divide, Conquer.

Here's what I want you to do. We're going to work our way around, and we're going to say "Twelve Tribes" [*with palms facing each other make chopping movement downward and move hands gradually to the left*]. We're going to chop up the Promised Land into twelve tribes. Joshua, Divide, Conquer, Twelve Tribes.

I want you to stop and pause and enjoy this for just a second. Because the first twelve chapters of Joshua are about dividing and conquering. The second twelve chapters are about dividing and settling the land. Gang, when this happens, this is a fulfillment of a promise that's more than 400 years old. This is what God promised Abraham in Ur and to the Jews in Egypt. And now that they're a great number of people (the first promise) and they've become a country (when they got their constitution and were called God's people), now they have the land, friends. They have conquered the land and settled the land. Joshua is in many ways the fulfillment of all the promises that God had given Israel—not all of them, but almost all of them. They don't own all the land, but these are great days for Israel. And I'll tell you in just a minute how it ends. Well, I'll tell you right now.

Joshua ends in chapter 24 where Joshua becomes Moses again and gives concluding comments, just like Moses did before his death. He calls them to make a dedication and vows to God. And he does that at Shechem, the very place that God promised Abraham. *This is the land I'm giving you at Shechem*—under a giant oak tree. He's going to ask them to commit themselves to trust and obey, because there's no other way to be happy in YHWH than to trust and obey.

Let's remember Joshua together. Why don't we all stand up and remember Joshua. It's pretty simple. Joshua, Divide, Conquer, Twelve Tribes.

## Judges

And that transitions to the Book of Judges. And we're going to remember Judges this way. We're going to turn it into a mallet and say "Judges" [*mimic holding a judge's mallet and*

*bringing it down once on a table*]. We'll talk about Judges next week. It's a 400-year period of time where the people are going to trust and obey, and then they're not going to trust and obey. And it's a roller coaster experience of practicing and testing God out in His blessings and His cursings.

Let's start with Counting and Spying—Numbers. Ready? Counting, Spying, Wandering, Dying, Second Law. Joshua, Divide, Conquer, Twelve Tribes, Judges. Okay, I want you guys to get into groups of four now and do the whole thing, okay? Here are the answers. Hey, you guys stand up with me. Let's go all the way back to Creation, okay? Yay! Here we go. If you want, some of you can just read the charts, okay? Here we go. Creation, Fall, Flood, Nations, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Passover, Law, Tabernacle, Offerings, Feasts, Counting, Spying, Wandering, Dying, Second Law, Joshua, Divide, Conquer, Twelve Tribes, Judges. Man, you guys did great. Have a seat. I mean, we're halfway through the Old Testament. You know, I think we're a lot better together than we are alone. I think there's probably a lesson in that.

### Application

I'm trying to apply something special about each epic as we have our time together. And as I was looking at this section, I was thinking, *Boy, there's a wonderful story at the end that I've used in ministry*, and a number of my friends who are pastors go to Joshua 24 in a lot of people's lives. And the reason is—chapters 23 and 24, but especially 24—there's this final covenant renewal and rededication. And sometimes some people just need to start over, just get back up and start again. That's the nature of our walk with God. And sometimes the failure is at a point where you need to do something special, something memorable and unique.

And Joshua 24 is outstanding for that, because Joshua is finishing his career and he's asking the people to make a choice. And he's using what is called a suzerain or Hittite vassal treaty outline that's beautiful. And it's throughout the Bible. And the reason I say that is because the people knew it in their heads—they knew that outline in their heads. And I want you to know this outline in your heads, because it's a great way to communicate with God.

The first part of it is to itemize all that God has done for you in your life. The second part is to make that commitment. And then the third part is to record it.

## **1. Recall God's Work in Your Life**

The first part is to recall God's work in your life. In chapter 24 in the first several verses, seventeen times will be speaking for God with the word "I." God will say, "I took you out of Ur when you were worshiping pagan gods that you made out of wood. And I brought you to the Promised Land, and I blessed you and protected you. And I was the one who cared for you in Egypt. I was the one who provided for you when you were in the desert and you were wandering in the wilderness. I was the one who set you free and brought you into this land and helped you conquer the giants that made you think you were grasshoppers." And you do this inventory. That's what they heard. You in your commitment or recommitment can do an inventory. What has God saved you from, and how many different ways has He done that?

What I love about this story as it starts is that the location is so essential. It's in Shechem. It's where the original promise took place under this giant oak tree. Hundreds of years of history are culminating in this one place.

## **2. Renew Your Vows**

The second thing you're to do is to renew your vows. And renewing your vows starts with choosing your God. Choose your God. Joshua just calls them out. He says, "Fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the old gods of your forefathers. But if serving YHWH seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves whom you will serve."

Are you going to serve Madison Avenue where you feel inclined to worship at the place of I, me, myself—where you get whatever you feel like you deserve? Or you can worship the gods of Wall Street where, like the movie says, greed works, and you're going to always want more. Worship the gods of the Vegas strip where you just obey your passions and do whatever they say, and it leads to an obvious ruin. Or worship the gods of Sunset Boulevard where your personal appearance or a certain number of the right friends is all that matters. You have a right to be entertained. That's what that god promises.

Whatever gets you to a place of destruction that causes you to want to repent and serve YHWH only—His way is so much easier. He's the only God that makes you better than you are.

Joshua says to choose your God. And that's where he says the famous sentence where he says to choose whoever you want, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The second thing you're supposed to do in this section is count the cost. And the Israelites say, "We're going to serve YHWH." And Joshua says, "No, don't answer that right away." If you serve YHWH it could cost you friendships. It could cause all kinds of strife in your family. Complete surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ could ruin a career. So, choose YHWH, but do it with an inventory of what it's going to cost.

The third thing is to commit. So, Joshua challenges them after he calls them to count their costs. He says, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve YHWH and YHWH only." And they said, "We will serve YHWH our God, and we will obey Him."

### 3. Record Your Decision

And the last thing, after you've recalled all that He's done, after you've renewed your vows, then you record decision. It's kind of funny how he does this. Joshua turns and says, "Write it down, scribes. Let's make sure we get all of this so that we can always remember it." And then he does this: he records it in stone. He calls upon the rocks that are around him. There's a giant rock under this oak tree, and he says, *This rock has listened to everything you said, and it's going to remember forever what you've done.*

#### Joshua 24:26

**And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the LORD.**

Look what it says in Joshua 24: "And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law"—that's in writing, right? "Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of Jehovah."

A couple of my friends in the ministry as pastors restored some relationships, like a marriage that had fractured in a deep and intense way. They worked this outline. Sometimes one of my friends goes out back and gets this giant stake about this deep, and the two of them drive it

into the ground so that every time they walk into the backyard, they see that stake. *This is our stake in the ground. This is where things change, and we are rededicating our lives to the Lord.*

I have some friends who planted an oak tree, and every time they see the oak tree they remember that God has restored them and made them right again.

I have a friend who has built a fountain out of a bunch of rocks of the various promises and commitments that he's made to the Lord over the years. Because there's something about the permanence of that thing.

So, I'm just thinking that some of you might need something like this, maybe right now. And if you do, just turn it into a special moment, a ceremony to be remembered. Review all that God has done for you. Make that commitment. And then make it memorable. Sign it in rock.

Some of you might have this coming in your future. I want you to remember that this is what Joshua does so that Israel will always know what happened.

Thirty-six years ago, our youth group was not anything we could be proud of. As a matter of fact, it was something we should be ashamed of. And we made a dedication that we would do things differently. And it culminated and got to a place where we had grown out of every building on campus and around the campus, and we were now meeting down the street at Hill Elementary School. And when we went into Hill Elementary School for the very first time, we had a giant rock. And we went through Joshua 24. I played the role of Joshua, and the students and I went back and forth. (Some of you were there, right?) And I said, "This rock is going to remember what you said. Here's the rock." Do you know where it is? It's underneath an oak tree right by the worship center, just like Joshua.



Put that rock under a big oak tree by the holy place of the Lord. Our student ministry is holding onto that promise they made thirty-five years ago. And that rock is still watching, still listening, still holding us accountable. We're proud of you guys. We're happy for the work that you're doing in serving the student ministry and making it something God is proud of. Yeah.

*[Congregation applauds.]*

This is the story so far. Maybe this is the application you might have.

Let's stand up and finish in a blaze, shall we? And we'll call it day. We're not going to end, we're going to worship in song.

Ready? Loosen up ... old people ... *My back hurts!* Creation, Fall, Flood, Nations, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Passover, Law, Tabernacle, Offerings, Feasts, Counting, Spying, Wandering, Dying, Second Law, Joshua, Divide, Conquer, Twelve Tribes, Judges. Give yourselves a hand, everybody! Stay standing.

*Lord Jesus, we are grateful, as You are the fulfillment of the promise that was made to Abraham and, actually, to Adam. And we are grateful that we can see the story for what it is now. It's thousands of years in the making, and we get to live on the other side of it. We are so grateful. We are a people of very small faith, and now we get to look back, not forward, and see*

*what You have done to make things right between our unholiness and depravity, and Your glory and purity.*

*Lord, I'd ask that we would step back and apply this to our lives today in at least two ways. One, that we would see that You are still working amongst us, that Your hands are all over all that we do and all that's going on; that it's Your world, Your creation, Your story, and we can rest in that.*

*And Lord, I'd ask that You would help us to be saints of old, where we long for the future. And it's a mystery of how You're going to return and when You're going to return, but our hope is that You made that promise and You'll make that return. And we long for the day when You make all things right and justice will finally be fulfilled and that You would pass over us and the blood that covers us, the blood of the innocent Lamb, Jesus.*

*Lord, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we might hear and understand who You are and what You're doing right in front of us. We're so grateful. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.*