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John 12:16

## A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

WEEK 28

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Joshua 24:15

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### DAY ONE - MONDAY

### READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

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Author: Joshua

Speaker: Joshua

Audience: The Israelites

Importance: Joshua asked the children of Israel to make a choice. God had brought them into the land of Canaan and given them victory over their enemies. He had been faithful and true to them and to His word. Now, they must choose. Would they serve idols? Or, would they remain faithful and true to Jehovah. For Joshua, the choice was clear – he and his family would serve the Lord! What do you choose?

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### DAY TWO - TUESDAY

### READING AND WRITING

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Read the passage out loud 10 times. Include the book, chapter, and verse. Each time, place emphasis upon a different word. Notice the rhythm and flow of the passage. Consider the phrases that make it up and where there are natural divisions in the text.

Write the passage down at least once. You may want to write it more times. You also may want to write it on an index card that can be carried with you and looked during the day. When you have a moment, take it out and read over the verse again. It is helpful to write the verse out by phrases, rather than all as one verse.

Remember to review and recite the verses from previous weeks! Make sure you still remember them. It might be a good time to go back to the verses from the first weeks of these studies...

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### DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY

### LEARNING BY PHRASES

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Read the first phrase 10 times. Cover the text and recite this phrase. If you are correct, move to the second phrase and do the same. (If not, repeat the first phrase until you remember it.)

After learning the second phrase, join it with the first phrase and say them together. Continue this process until each phrase of the passage has been learned. If you do not learn the entire verse in one session, you will continue on the next day.

**DAY FOUR - THURSDAY**

**REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION**

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Review what you learned the previous day. Recite the memorized parts. If they are correct, move on to the next phrase of the verse. If you have learned the entire verse, recite it out loud at least 10 times. Make sure you learn and state the book, chapter, and verse.

**DAY FIVE - FRIDAY**

**REPETITION AGAIN**

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Review and recite the parts of the passage you have learned. Add to them any phrases that remain. Recite the verse out loud several times. Now, write it down from memory several times. Include book, chapter, and verse. Check your work with the Bible.

**DAY SIX - SATURDAY**

**REPETITION AND MEDITATION**

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Quote the verse you have learned several times. Pause to think deeply about the meaning of this passage. Remember the things studied on Day One. Ponder again the application of this verse to your life. End this session by quoting the verse again several times.

**DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY**

**MEDITATION**

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What is the meaning of Joshua 24:15?

How does this verse fit in the context of this chapter and Joshua's speech?

When did the choice have to be made?

Why should one choose to serve God?

Why should one not serve idols?

Why is important that Joshua said both he and his house would serve the Lord?

How does this passage apply to my life?

How may I use this passage in teaching others?

From what error can this passage prevent me being deceived?