

# Joshua

## Part 2 – Packing

### Joshua 1.10-18

Packing means we're going somewhere, getting to do something we're not now

- It may be a challenge / hassle, but worth it

#### Have Faith (v.10-11)

- Commands can lead to questions
  - Prepare? How much? What kinds? 3 days? Then what? Jordan? But how? In what manner? Where? Build a raft / bridge? (and does that impact timeline, so then is God wrong?) Take possession? A Battle plan? What if I encounter something I can't answer?
- Faith trusts God can work it out
  - God has a plan that includes both direction and timing
  - Everything else is anxiety (Matt 6) or arrogance (James 4)

#### Take Ownership (v.12-15)

- Own what is mine
  - "We will do what we said we will do"
  - Part of this is faith (we believe God) and part is obedience (we fear God)
    - Did it cost them? Yes! Didn't return until chapter 22
    - Would have cost them more had they sinned against God by not keeping their word
    - Temptation is to love their comfort more than what is right – and God would've judged them for it
    - Baylor – could have loved winning more than what's right. Didn't do the right thing. Working to do right thing now
      - Same with us – we're not perfect, so we own it and seek to do the right thing
- Own what is ours
  - We have ownership in each other's lives, therefore have a responsibility to each other to work for one another's best
  - Even told Joshua what the Lord had told him – be strong and courageous (v.18)
  - Church: Museum, Maintenance, Ministry, Mission
  - Specific application: senior adults

### **Say Yes (v.16-18)**

- A Total Yes – All, wherever, all, whoever, whatever
  - Nothing untouched by His authority – relationship, money, sexuality, shame, success, job, etc.
- A Certain Yes – rebellion = death
  - They took their obedience seriously – do you?

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What's the most memorable (for good or bad reasons) trip you and your family have been on?
2. What's the most difficult of God's commands for you to obey right now? Why?
3. Do you struggle with anxiety or arrogance toward God's will more? How does that express itself? How do you fight against that sin?
4. What are other biblical examples of obedience to God's commands costing people something?
5. Is there a question from God that you need to say "Yes" to in your life right now? What would immediately change if you did?