



October 16, 2022, Joshua Renews the Covenant  
Joshua 24:1-15, [16-26]

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Faithful God, your servant, Joshua, challenged the people to renew their commitment to you. In the same way, challenge us each day to declare with our actions that we love and serve only you. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*"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." (Joshua 24:15)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

God's people had been prospering under God's care for a long time, even as they continued to worship the gods of Egypt and surrounding lands. God wanted their full loyalty in return. It was time to choose: worship God or walk away.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- How are leaders in your community chosen? What might it look like to trust in God rather than trusting in people?
- What covenants or agreements have you made with God? Are these healthy (commitment to follow) or unhealthy (bargaining) agreements?
- For the littles: Would you rather help find homes for puppies or help preserve the rainforests? Why? It's good to stand for something!



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you wisdom to choose the things that draw you closer to God.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Decide what you stand for and find a way to publicly stand for it.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, 1 Samuel 1:1-28, *Samuel's Birth and Dedication*  
Tuesday, 1 Samuel 3:1-18, *Samuel's Calling and Prophecies*  
Wednesday, 1 Samuel 7:3-15, *Samuel as Judge*  
Thursday, 1 Samuel 8:1-22, *Israel Demands a King*  
Friday, 1 Samuel 9:27—10:8, *Saul Anointed as King*  
Saturday, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, *David Anointed as King*