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Why Old Soldiers Never Die
Joshua - 9
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“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth.” Joshua 23:14 (NIV)

I. A MESSAGE TO HIS MEN...

- The **PROMISE** of Victory

“You yourselves have seen everything the Lord your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the Lord your God who fought for you.” Joshua 23:3 (NIV)

- The **PRESCRIPTION** for Victory

“Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.” Joshua 23:6 (NIV)

- **SEPARATION**

“Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them.” Joshua 23:7a (NIV)

- **CONSECRATION**

“But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now.” Joshua 23:8 (NIV)

- **DEDICATION**

“So be very careful to love the Lord your God.” Joshua 23:11 (NIV)

- The **POSSIBILITY** of Defeat

“But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, then you may be sure that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the Lord your God has given you.” Joshua 23:12-13 (NIV)

“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.” Joshua 23:14 (NIV)

“But just as every good promise of the Lord your God has come true, so the Lord will bring on you all the evil He has threatened, until He has destroyed you from this good land He has given you.” Joshua 23:15 (NIV)

II. A MESSAGE TO THE MASSES...

“Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel...” Joshua 24:1-2a (NIV)

- He Recalls Their **HISTORY**

“This is what the Lord, the God of Israel says; ‘Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods.’” Joshua 24:2b (NIV)

“So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.” Joshua 24:13 (NIV)

“You did not choose me, but I chose you.” John 15:16 (NIV)

- He Reviews Their **RESPONSIBILITY**

“Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:14 (NIV)

“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served 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 (NIV)

“Then the people answered, ‘Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!’” Joshua 24:16 (NIV)

“Joshua said to the people, ‘You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.’” Joshua 24:19 (NIV)

“But the people said to Joshua, ‘No! We will serve the Lord.’” Joshua 24:21 (NIV)

“After these things, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of a hundred and ten. And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnah Serah in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mt. Gaash.” Joshua 24:29-30 (NIV)

“Israel served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel.” Joshua 24:31 (NIV)