**Who's Team Are You On?**

(Joshua 24:15 KJV)

*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.*

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s children of God we will not have to consult a psychologist to understand that our world is filled with the fatigue of fear. In fact, many people in the confounds of our own communities are afraid to stay because of the crime rate that we are accustomed to and have witnessed— on the other hand others have lag bolted burglar bars and installed central or local burglar alarms in the comfort of our own home which in really has become a compound. Moreover as citizens some of us are afraid of that nosey next door neighbor, that fatal tempered family member, that child who acts like Chucky off the movies, and finally some children are afraid of that panicking parent. So I'm optimistically curious if this reminds anyone of Bible prophecies?

So we must step up to the plate and admit that we live in a world of fear. And to be theologically sound you must realize that fear is a not a sanctified figurative, but a satanic force that works against society at every opportunity? But the good news is that faith is a creative force that God uses to build and uplift His people. As children of God, we will not fear! Why? God is on our side:

(Psalm 27:1-2 KJV)

*1The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?****2****When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.*

All because I was on **GOD'S TEAM**!!!

In this chapter it is described as the closing words of Joshua which mainly consisted of the last words of Joshua to the congregation of Israel—which were a review of some of the great things God had done for the nation and then he gives a profound challenge to all of them to serve God. Honesty this sounds like Joshua's farewell message to the people. And after his closing word the chapter closes by reporting the burial Joshua and two other prominent Israelites. This chapter can be divided up into three divisions:

1. The **Chronicles** of History (Joshua 24:1-13)
2. The **Challenge** for Service (Joshua 24:14-28)
3. The **Cemetery** of Leaders (Joshua 24:29-33)

Let's work it out! Joshua has been a dedicated leader in the past—He had served as Moses' servant, He had been Moses' general for the armies of Israel, He and Caleb had been the only spies that came back from the promised land with a good report—wanting to go in, He had taken over leadership of Israel after Moses' death, and He led Israel into the promised land after the walls of Jericho came tumbling down.

Now he was at the end of his life. He would pass on the torch to men known as judges, who would rule the land. And sadly it was time for him to give his farewell speech to the nation. What would this man of God, General Joshua, say to the people?

He knew their crooked angle towards sin. He knew that they were prone to wander away from God. Joshua under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, he challenged them to Godliness. You and I, who live many years after Joshua, need to be challenged to Godliness as well and motivated to stay on God's Team.

I would hope that you can travel with me and imagine this whole episode as being similar to playing football and trying to win the game of eternal life that so easily beset us. The game of life is a lot like football. Because you have to tackle your problems, block your fears, and score your points when you get the opportunity to do so. And if you're going to win the game it will require perseverance, self denial, sacrifice, and respect of authority—and in the text Joshua is the authoritative factor. Joshua in the text is fulfilling the orders of the team’s owner.

**A Football Team Has An Owner:**

* He is the one in charge.
* He makes the rules because he owns the team.
* He selects the head coach and the quarterback.
* He gives them instructions on what he wants the team to accomplish.
* He supplies the means to accomplish the goals.
* He expects all coaches and players to give 100% effort.
* He wants to have a winning team.

**So the Question is—“Who’s Team Are You On?”**