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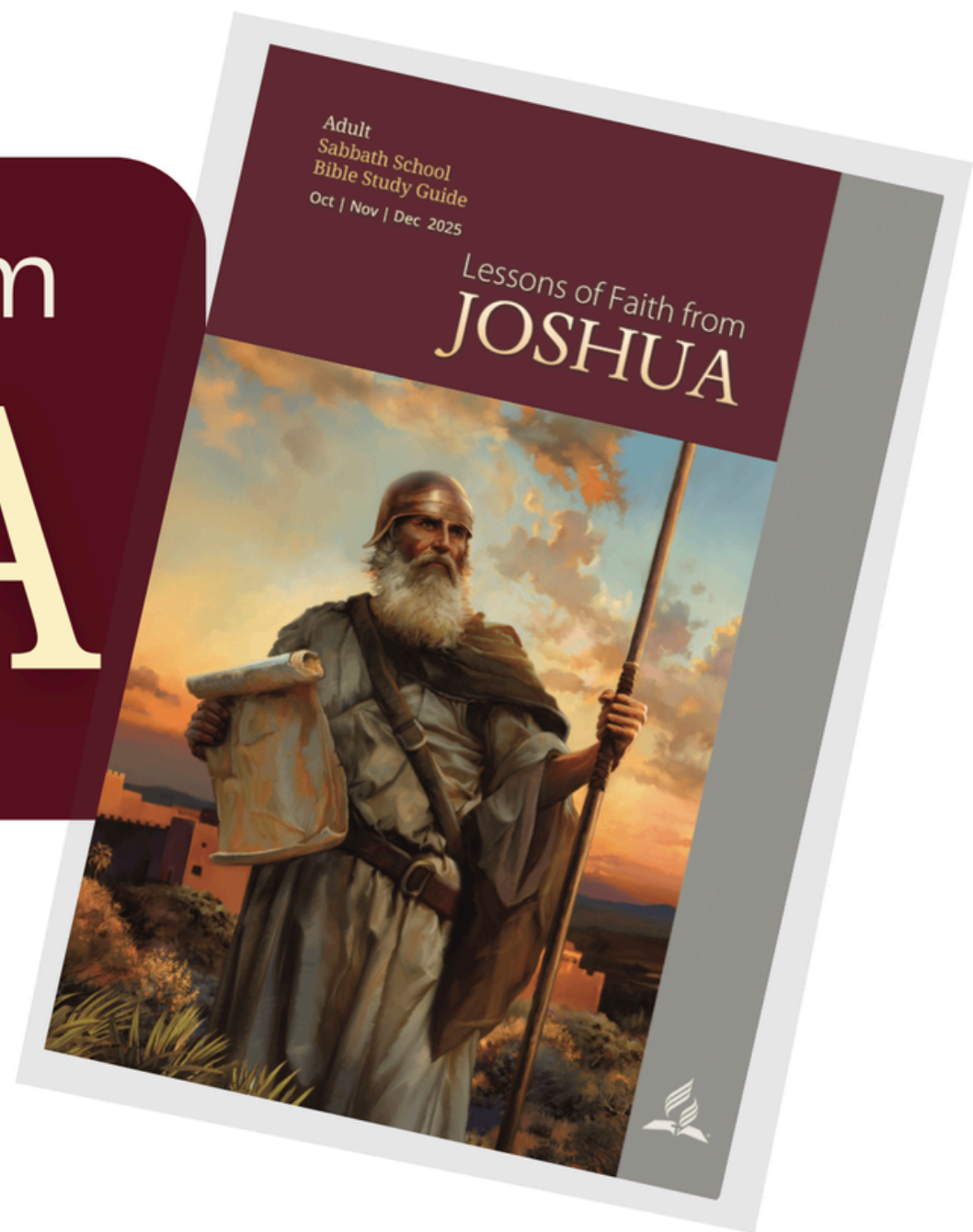
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# LESSON 13

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**CHOOSE THIS DAY!**

**#GOD WANTS US NOT JUST  
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# LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY!

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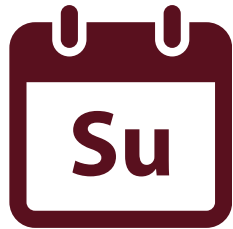
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**““ And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” ”**

**Joshua 24:15, NKJV**

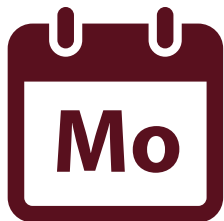
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## OPENING POINTS



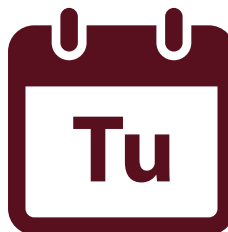
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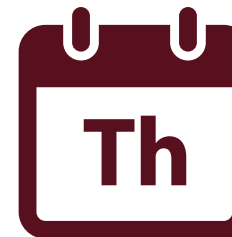
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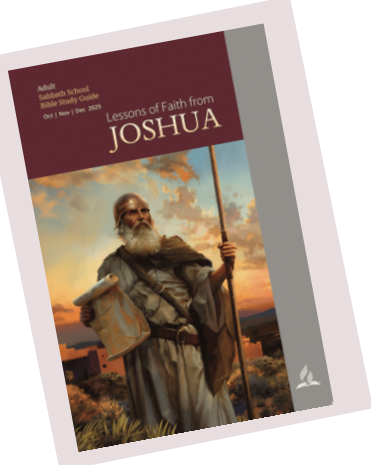


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*Takeaway*

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## BACKGROUND

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### The Human Safety

Humans often prefer a visible personality over God because it feels immediate, familiar, and controllable. A person can be seen, heard, and immediately consulted; God, though present and faithful, requires trust beyond what the senses can verify. Our weakness tends to incline us toward what is tangible and familiar, especially in moments of uncertainty. Depending on a personality reduces the discomfort of faith by replacing dependence on God with reliance on human mediation.

Trusting God requires faith in what we cannot see, which is uncomfortable for our weakness. Like Israel asking for a king “like the nations” (1 Sam. 8:5), we seek reassurance in people, but only God is truly faithful, unchanging, and able to sustain us.

## **INTRODUCTION**

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**Joshua's final appeal draws a clear contrast between trust in personalities or structures and trust in God Himself. As Joshua's life comes to an end and no successor is appointed, Israel is reminded that their security was never meant to rest on a leader, an institution, or a system. Those can serve a purpose, but they are temporary and fragile.**

**What sustains God's people is allegiance to the living Lord. When faith shifts from God to personalities or structures, it quietly becomes misplaced trust. Joshua calls Israel, and us, to remember that God alone is King. In our weakness and uncertainty, true stability is found not in who leads or how things are organized, but in faithfully living under God's sovereign rule.**

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### You Were There!

## MAIN THOUGHT

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Joshua 24:2-13

**At Shechem, Israel stood before God not as heroes of faith but as recipients of grace. Joshua's reminder places God at the center, "I took, I gave, I delivered." Israel's story is one of divine mercy, not human strength. Without God's intervention, they would still be serving idols, and their life in the land was a call to faithfulness, not a reason for pride.**

**This points us to Christ, who meets us in our weakness just as God met Israel in theirs. The covenant was not only for the fathers but for all who stood there, and it is the same for us today. The God who saved in the past is present now, calling each generation to trust not in itself, but in His grace.**

## LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY! | SUNDAY

### You Were There!

# ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

**Q: What are ways in which we can, as a church, have a better sense of corporate responsibility—that is, grasp the idea that what we do impacts everyone in the church?**

## ANSWER:

**As a church, we grow in corporate responsibility when we practice forgiveness, letting go of past hurts and extending grace to one another. Surrender calls us to release control, trusting God to guide the community rather than insisting on our own way. Empathy helps us understand and share in each other's struggles, responding with compassion and love. When these three, forgiveness, surrender, and empathy, shape our relationships, our actions build up the whole body and reflect God's heart for His people.**

## JESUS REMINDS US OF WHO WE ARE

Jesus reminds us that we are sinners loved and redeemed, not by our own strength but by His grace (John 15:5). Even in our weakness, He meets us with forgiveness, calls us to depend on Him, and teaches us empathy, showing that our true identity and our ability to love others come entirely from Him.

How can this reality shape my life? \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD AND HIS EFFORTS TO BE KNOWN

Jesus reveals that God is actively reaching out to be known, pursuing us even in our weakness and sin (John 1:18). Through creation, Scripture, and Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God makes Himself tangible, showing His character, offering grace, and inviting us into relationship so we can discover our true identity and purpose in Him.



## LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY! | MONDAY

### In Sincerity and Truth

# MAIN THOUGHT

Josh. 24:14, 15

**Joshua calls Israel to a decisive response: to fear the Lord and to serve Him alone (Josh. 24:14–15). This appeal recognizes human vulnerability, the ease with which God’s people can lose their identity and drift toward competing loyalties. To “fear the Lord” is not to live in anxiety, but to stand in reverent awe before a holy God, aware of both His greatness and our dependence. Such reverence naturally moves beyond emotion into obedience and service.**

**Serving the Lord “in sincerity and in truth” points to wholehearted and faithful devotion. Sincerity speaks of an undivided heart, and truth of constancy and trustworthiness, qualities that first belong to God Himself. Joshua invites Israel to reflect God’s faithfulness in their own lives, not through mere outward conformity, but through grateful, Christ-centered loyalty. In the same way today, our service to Jesus flows from hearts shaped by grace, responding to His faithfulness with sincere and enduring trust.**

## LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY! | MONDAY

### In Sincerity and Truth

# ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

**Q: What does it mean to you to serve the Lord “in sincerity” and “in truth”? What are some of the distracting factors in your life that prevent your full devotion to God?**

### **ANSWER:**

**The human heart can serve God “in sincerity and in truth” only by God’s transforming work. Left to itself, the heart is easily distracted, selfish, and divided. It is the Holy Spirit who bends and renews our hearts, enabling us to love God fully, repent from sin, and live in faithful obedience. Through Christ, our desires are realigned, our weaknesses strengthened, and our devotion becomes genuine, not by human effort alone, but by God’s grace working in and through us.**

## **JESUS IS DEVOTED FOR OUR GOOD**

**Jesus is devoted to our good, literally working for us by interceding in heaven, guiding us through His Word and Spirit, and redeeming us through His life, death, and resurrection (Heb. 7:25). His devotion shows in practical ways, comforting us in weakness, correcting us in love, and giving strength when we cannot help ourselves, demonstrating that our restoration, growth, and salvation are the constant focus of His unwavering care.**

**How can this reality shape my life?** \_\_\_\_\_

## **GOD IS THE ONLY TRULY DEVOTED TO OUR WELFARE**

**God alone is truly devoted to our welfare, actively seeking our good even when we fail or falter (Ps. 103:13-14). In Jesus, this devotion becomes tangible: He pursues us, restores us, and secures our salvation, not based on our strength or faithfulness, but through God's unchanging grace, care, and commitment in every aspect of our lives.**



## **MAIN THOUGHT**

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**Josh. 24:16-18; Josh. 24:19-21**

**Joshua honors Israel's freedom by calling them to choose whom they will serve, not by force but by willing commitment (Josh. 24:22). Israel responds with confidence, declaring that the God who delivered their fathers is now "our God," and they pledge wholehearted loyalty to Him (Josh. 24:16-18). Their answer reflects gratitude and desire, yet it also echoes earlier generations whose promises were sincere but fragile.**

**Joshua's sobering reply reveals a deep awareness of human weakness. By warning them that the Lord is holy and not easily served, he presses them to take their choice seriously (Josh. 24:19-21). True service cannot rest on enthusiasm alone or human strength; it must flow from a genuine relationship with the saving God. In this way, Joshua points beyond mere resolve to a grace-dependent faith, a truth fully revealed in Christ, who alone enables us to serve God freely, faithfully, and with endurance.**

## JESUS IS THE TRUE SERVANT

Jesus is the true Servant, literally showing His love by living among us, teaching, healing, and ultimately laying down His life on the cross for our sake (Phil. 2:5–8). His service is active and tangible, meeting needs, comforting the hurting, forgiving the guilty, and obeying the Father fully, revealing that true greatness is measured by humble devotion to God and care for others, not by power or status.

How can this reality shape my life? \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD ACTUALLY IS SERVING US

God is truly serving us by actively guiding, protecting, and providing for our needs, even when we fail or don't notice (Matt. 5:45; Ps. 23:1–3). His service is seen in answered prayers, provision through others, comfort in trials, correction in love, and the gift of Christ's salvation, showing that our well-being and eternal life are His constant concern and that every blessing flows from His devoted care.



## LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY! | WEDNESDAY

### The Dangers of Idolatry

# MAIN THOUGHT

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## Joshua 24:22-24

Joshua repeats his appeal because idolatry was not a distant or abstract danger, it was present among the people (Josh. 24:23). Though Israel verbally committed to serving the Lord, their hearts were still divided. Joshua understands that spoken loyalty can coexist with hidden attachments, and that the human heart does not naturally incline toward God. True faith requires a deliberate turning of the heart, a conscious bending toward the Lord rather than toward competing loves.

Their promise, “We will listen to His voice,” highlights that obedience is relational, not merely external. Yet the absence of any record that the idols were actually removed exposes a sobering reality: confession is easier than surrender. Joshua leaves the story intentionally open, reminding every generation, including ours, that idolatry is an ongoing threat, and that faithful service to God demands continual, grace-dependent choices to listen, trust, and let go of rival allegiances.

## LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY! | WEDNESDAY

### The Dangers of Idolatry

# ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

**Q: How often have you promised the Lord you would do something, but then you didn't? Why didn't you? What does your answer tell you about grace?**

## **ANSWER:**

**Many of us have promised the Lord obedience, service, or faithfulness, yet fallen short, often because of weakness, distraction, or reliance on our own strength. This pattern reminds us that salvation and growth are not earned by our consistency but sustained by God's grace. Our failures reveal our dependence on Him and highlight that His patience, forgiveness, and empowering Spirit are what enable us to keep returning to Him, not our own ability to follow through.**

## JESUS AND HIS LOYAL LOVE

Jesus literally holds us by speaking to us through His Word, answering us in prayer, strengthening us with His Spirit, guiding us through life's circumstances, and working through the care of others (Heb. 4:12; John 14:16–17; Gal. 6:2). Even when our hearts are numb, distracted, or doubting, He quietly sustains, protects, and draws us toward Himself, carrying us step by step, whether we sense it or not.

How can this reality shape my life? \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD LOVES US DESPITE OUR UNFAITHFULNESS

God's grace looks like His active presence and care in our daily lives: forgiving us when we fail, giving strength when we are weak, guiding our decisions through His Word, comforting us in prayer, providing help through others, and gently correcting us when we go astray (Lam. 3:22–23; Gal. 6:2). Even when we cannot feel it, His grace is at work—sustaining, restoring, and drawing us closer to Him in practical, tangible ways.



## **MAIN THOUGHT**

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**Josh. 24:29–33; Gen. 23:13, 19; Gen. 25:9, 10;**

**The closing words of Joshua look back by honoring a life of faithful leadership and the fulfillment of God's promises. The burial of Joshua, Eleazar, and Joseph's bones marks the end of wandering and the beginning of settled life in the land, testifying that the Lord has done what He promised. Israel's story is anchored not in human achievement, but in God's enduring faithfulness across generations.**

**At the same time, the ending looks forward with urgency. One faithful generation does not guarantee the faithfulness of the next. The future of God's people depends on whether each new generation will cling to the Lord, resist idolatry, and live out the truths they have received. Joshua finishes well, but the book leaves the reader with a challenge: God's faithfulness remains constant, yet the responsibility to respond in faith and obedience rests anew with every generation.**

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### Finishing Well

# ANSWER TO THE MAIN QUESTIONS

**Q: Joshua, like Paul, “fought the good fight” (2 Tim. 4:7, NKJV). What was the key to Joshua’s success? What decisions do you need to make today in order to finish with the same assurance of salvation?**

### **ANSWER:**

**Joshua’s success was rooted entirely in God, his faithfulness, courage, and victories flowed from trusting in the Lord’s promises and guidance, not his own strength. Like Paul, he “fought the good fight” by keeping God at the center of every decision and action. To finish with the same assurance of salvation, we must daily choose to depend fully on God, seek His direction, obey His Word, and let Christ’s grace shape every part of our lives.**

## JESUS HOLDS OUR HANDS 'TILL THE END

Jesus holds our hands through the means He provides to meet our real, daily struggles. He guides us through His Word, showing direction and truth when we feel lost; He comforts us through prayer, offering peace in moments of fear and anxiety; He sustains us by His Spirit, giving strength when our own fails; and He works through other people, friends, mentors, and the church, to support, encourage, and correct us. Even when we don't see Him, He is actively carrying us, step by step, through every trial toward the fulfillment of His purposes (Heb. 13:5-6).

How can this reality shape my life? \_\_\_\_\_

## GOD OF OUR TOMORROWS

God holds us through our tomorrows by His Spirit working quietly in our hearts, guiding our decisions, comforting us in trials, and giving us the strength we cannot find on our own (Isa. 46:4; John 14:16-17). Even when we do not sense His presence, He uses His Word, prayer, the support of others, and life's circumstances to teach, sustain, and lead us, carrying us step by step toward His purposes.



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## Sin Problem

**WE ALWAYS  
CHOOSE OUT OF  
FEAR OF  
MISSING OUT,  
FEAR OF GETTING  
PUNISHED, AND  
NOT OUT OF  
LOVE**

## *Remember* Gospel Reality!

**GOD IS LOVE  
AND THERE IS NO  
OTHER MUCH  
BIGGER REALITY!**

*takeaway*

## GOOD NEWS

**#GOD  
WANTS US  
NOT JUST  
OUR  
OBEDIENCE**

## LESSON 13: CHOOSE THIS DAY!

takeaway

### #GOD WANTS US NOT JUST OUR OBEDIENCE

**God wants not just our obedience but our hearts, a willing, trusting relationship rooted in love rather than fear or obligation (Hos. 6:6; Matt. 22:37).**

**Obedience matters, but it flows from knowing Him, trusting His goodness, and responding to His grace, especially in our weakness. God seeks people who choose Him freely, not because they must, but because they have encountered His faithful and redeeming love.**

**WHY WE HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED GOD OUT OF FEAR?**

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*takeaway*

### #GOD WANTS US NOT JUST OUR OBEDIENCE

**We often obey God out of fear because it feels safer and more immediate than trusting His love. Fear can motivate compliance quickly, avoiding consequences, judgment, or discipline, without requiring deep trust or surrender.**

**Human weakness and the desire for control make us rely on visible rules or threats rather than on God's unseen grace. True obedience, however, flows from love and relationship, recognizing God's faithfulness and seeking to honor Him, not merely to avoid punishment.**

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## ANSWERS TO FRIDAY'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Q1 : Discuss the meaning of the expression: "He [the Lord] is a holy God. He is a jealous God" (Josh. 24:19, NKJV). In what sense is God a jealous God?**

### ANSWER:

**The expression "He is a holy God. He is a jealous God" (Josh. 24:19) emphasizes both God's absolute moral purity and His passionate desire for exclusive devotion. God is holy, meaning He is perfectly righteous, set apart, and utterly unlike sin. He is jealous in the sense that He seeks to protect the covenant relationship with His people, refusing to share their loyalty with idols or false gods. This "jealousy" is not selfish envy like human jealousy; rather, it reflects His deep love and commitment, desiring that His people's hearts and lives be fully devoted to Him, as their spiritual well-being and relationship with Him depend on undivided allegiance.**

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## ANSWERS TO FRIDAY'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Q2 : How is our love for God connected to the freedom of choice that He grants us? That is, could we truly love if we didn't truly have freedom? Can true love ever be forced? If not, why not?**

### **ANSWER:**

**Our love for God is inseparably tied to the freedom He grants us because love by its nature requires a voluntary response. If we did not have freedom, any expression of love would be meaningless, mere obligation or coercion, rather than genuine devotion. True love cannot be forced because it involves the heart willingly choosing to trust, obey, and cherish the beloved. God's grant of freedom allows us to respond to His grace, mercy, and faithfulness out of gratitude and trust, making our love authentic, relational, and transformative rather than mechanical or imposed.**

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## ANSWERS TO FRIDAY'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Q3 : What are some practical ways that leaders of the church today can pass on the torch to the next generation?**

### **ANSWER:**

**Church leaders can pass on the torch to the next generation by modeling faithful, Christ-centered living and investing personally in young believers through mentorship and discipleship. They can empower the next generation by giving them real responsibilities in worship, service, and decision-making, while teaching God's story and principles so they understand their spiritual heritage. By fostering dependence on Christ rather than personal strength and creating a culture of prayer, service, and compassion, leaders equip the next generation to grow in faith, wisdom, and a sense of responsibility for continuing God's work.**

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### ANSWERS TO FRIDAY'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

**Q4 : Think about the life of Joshua and the conclusion that in all his life the Israelites served the Lord. What conclusion would you like people to draw about your life?**

#### **ANSWER:**

**I would want people to see that, like Joshua, my life was centered on faithfully serving the Lord, trusting His guidance in every decision, and relying on His strength rather than my own. I would hope they see a consistent love for God reflected in my words, actions, and relationships, and recognize that my devotion was aimed at honoring Him, encouraging others, and pointing them toward Christ. Above all, I would want my life to testify that God's faithfulness can be trusted and that even through human weakness, His purposes can be faithfully carried out.**