NOVEMBER 26, 2017 JIM LARSON THRIVING, NOT JUST SURVIVING TOPICS: DECISION, DEDICATION, LEGACY

Thriving through Decision Joshua 24:14-33

"It's not hard to decide what you want your life to be about. What's hard is figuring out what you're willing to give up in order to do the things you really care about."

Shana Neiquist

The foundation for decision (Joshua 24:12-13)

The main cause of an ungrateful heart is a forgetful heart.

Israel was there because <u>God won their battles and gave them</u> their land.

A well-placed thank you may be overlooked but its absence is sorely missed.

The challenge to decision (Joshua 24:14-15)

A great paradox: People can be walking well with God yet still have unresolved issues with him.

The call to serve is a call to make a choice – it doesn't just happen.

The call to serve is a personal call. No one can decide for you.

The acceptance of the challenge (Joshua 24:16-21)

How seriously God takes vows (Ecclesiastes 5:2-6)

The vow confirmed with

- Public affirmation
- Concrete action
- Memorial remembrance

Final thoughts (Joshua 24:29-33)

A single decision can last a lifetime.

But each generation must choose anew. (Judges 2:11-13)