

## No Turning Back – Joshua 11:4-6

1. Tribute to President Ronald Regan
  - (1) A man of great faith in God.
  - (2) A member of the Christian Church
  - (3) He made his choices and he lived by them.
  - (4) His marriage, his country, his God.
2. Joshua 11:4-6
  - A. Horses and chariots are quick ways to run from a fight.
  - B. Israel had demonstrated a willingness to return to Egypt because of their fear of the unknown.
    - (1) Exodus 32:1 – “Make us gods to lead us” – When we reject the living God we make our own gods to lead us.
    - (2) Ex. 32:8 – Blasphemed the Holy God - ...that took you out of Egypt.
  - C. The tribes of Reuben and Gad did not live in the Promised Land. They became satisfied with what they had seen and were not willing to give it up for what they had not seen.
    - (1) Num. 32:1-5
    - (2) Heb. 11:8 – Abraham went out not knowing where he was going.
    - (3) Many of us today will not make it to heaven because we are satisfied with what we have going on for us down here. We are not sure what is in it for us up there. **Col. 3:1-3.**
  - D. Destroy the horses and the temptation is removed or minimized.
    - (1) Flee from evil and the appearance of evil, I Thess. 5:22
    - (2) God wants us to press onward into the challenges ahead of us.
    - (3) Develop character
    - (4) Grow in commitment and trust.
3. Joshua’s challenge to Israel – Joshua 24:15
  - (1) Get off the fence – make your choice. The gods of the world or the living God.
  - (2) Me and my house we will choose the Lord.
  - (3) Make the choice today. Jump off the diving board. Are you in?
4. Elijah and Israel, I Kings 18:21 – Choose between Baal and God
  - (1) How long will you waver?
  - (2) Acts 8:36 – What hinders you?
5. Jesus’ challenge – follow me, Luke 9:59-62.
  - (1) Excuses will not be accepted? What’s yours?
  - (2) Sickness
  - (3) Family
  - (4) Neighbors
  - (5) Parent’s religion
  - (6) You are not fit for the Kingdom of God.
  - (7) Jesus makes us fit for the Kingdom, Col. 1:12