



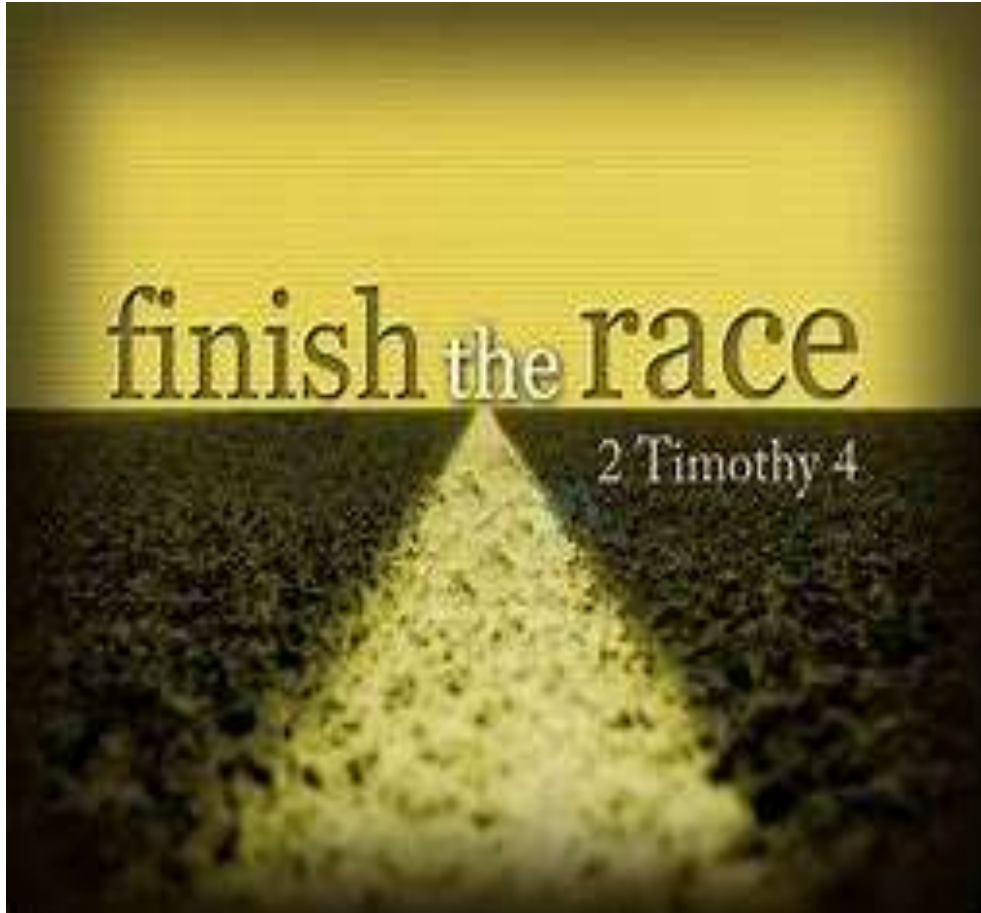
Session 9

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POSSESSING THE PROMISED LAND - FINISHING WELL

- The glamorous beginning becomes a monument if the finish is bad
- A monument is a reminder of failure to progress
- God never intended His people to become a dead civilisation but a progressive nation in Him
- A progressive nation in the sight of God is when His kingdom is present on earth and His will is done as it is in heaven
- When we have reached the place and paved the way for God to start building His kingdom we have finished well
- Possessing the promised land is not gaining territory or settling down with our family and our people but continue the progress in fulfilling the purpose of God

Good Finish



Start the process



Endure the progress



Focus on details



Obey always



Mature inside



Avoid delay

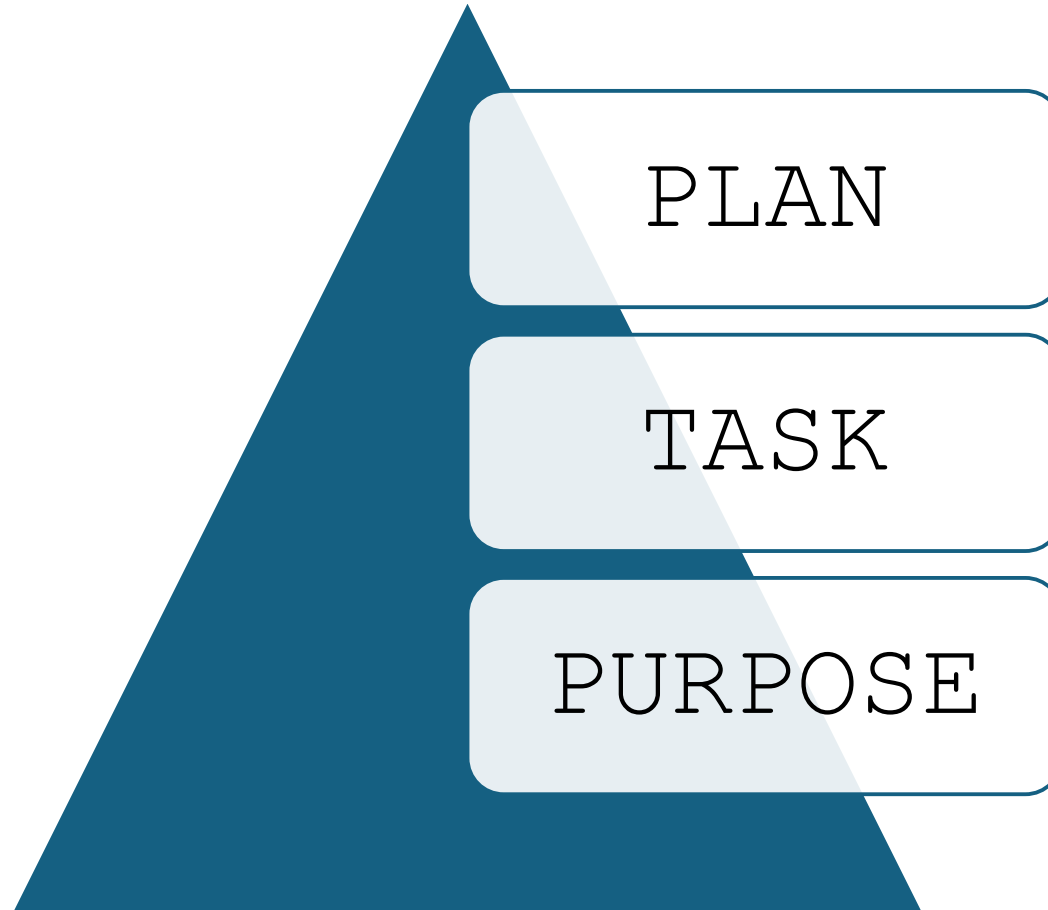


Preserve the soul



Achieve the target

GOOD FINISH



Revisiting the background

They had been under bondage of Pharoah and were struggling to be the people of God

They struggled in the transition in the desert with their temperament

They experienced the hand of God on a day to day basis and in challenging situations

They overcame enemies and obstacles

They finally stopped travelling after 40 years and reached their destination

They had to change course- in building and cultivating

They needed to hand over the legacy of God to the next generation

The last phase of the journey

(The book

of Joshua)

- They cross Jordan- the river stopped flowing
- Israelites circumcised
- Jericho conquered
- Sin of Achan and defeat at Ai
- Gibeonites' deception and Israel's folly
- Resistance from the kings in the territory(Ch 10-12)
- Territories divided (Ch 15-21)
- Special cities of refuge and for Levites
- The nation on the other side of Jordan and the altar
- Joshua's last phase- His commitment and commission

Possessed Territory

Solidarity- There no favourites

Levites- A special group looked after
by the rest of the nation

One God – One Nation- Many tribes

Place for forgiveness and grace

We exist for God – IN HIM WITH HIM
ALWAYS

Commitment to God – A battle to
transform from the past and not
conformed by the present godlessness

The

foundation

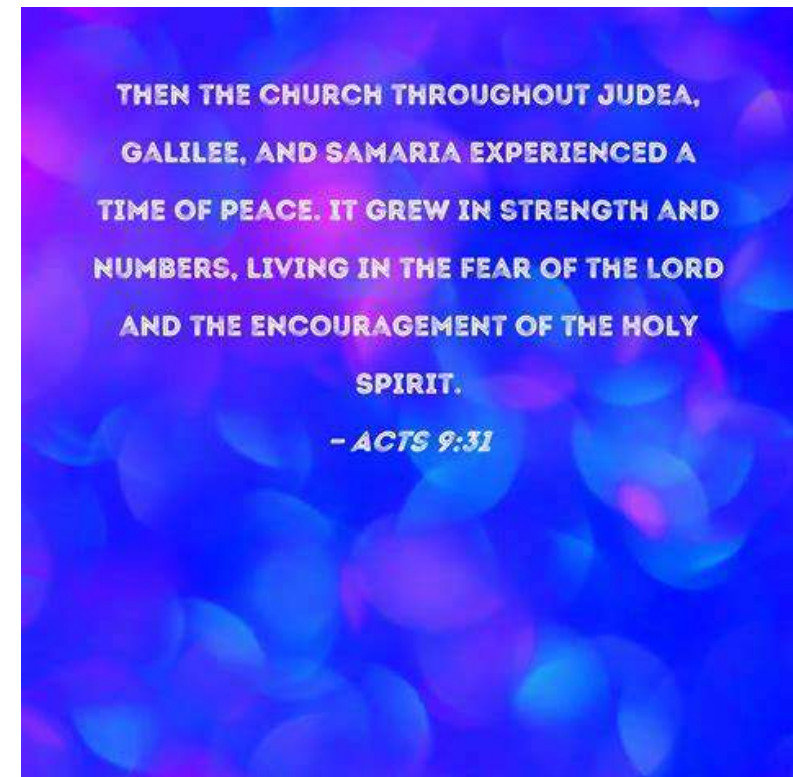
- Purpose
- Territory
- Connection- Personal covenant
- Community connection across generation
- Commitment- personal commitment for communal success
- Sharp and precise in the Lord God
- Continuous opposition- never grow weary
- Possess the promised territory- progress

A COMPARISON

Joshua 24:31



Acts 9:31



The good
finish

Completion
of godly
plan

Continuati
on of
godly plan
Josh:24:31

Challenge

- Was this a good finish?



The problems of Israelite s from within

Looking for peace outside of God

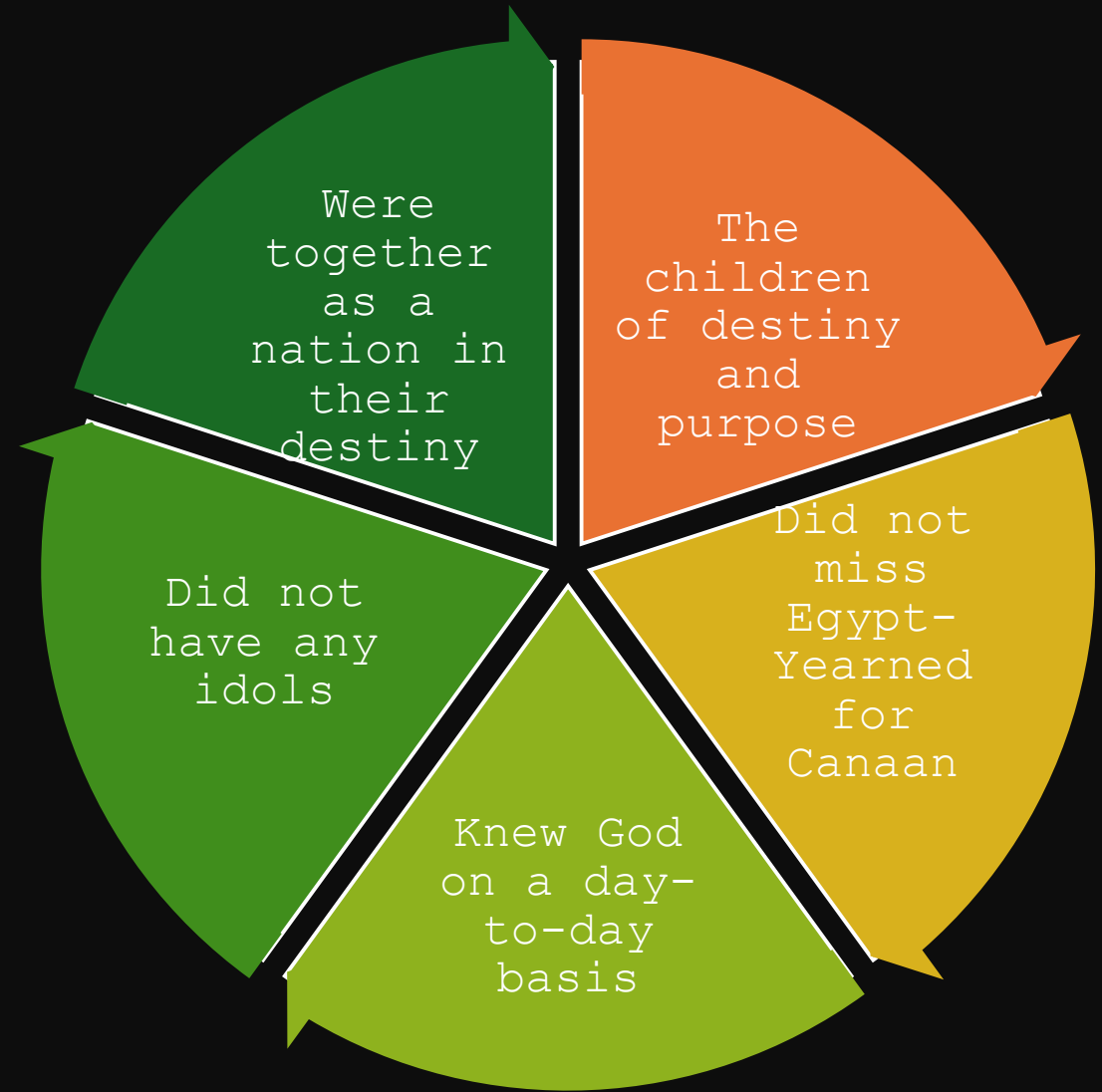
Justifying the desires of the
flesh as a right

Imitate and admire the world
around while the world around was
admiring the Lord God in them

Inconsistent devotion and
connection to God

Missing the purpose of God in
their lives

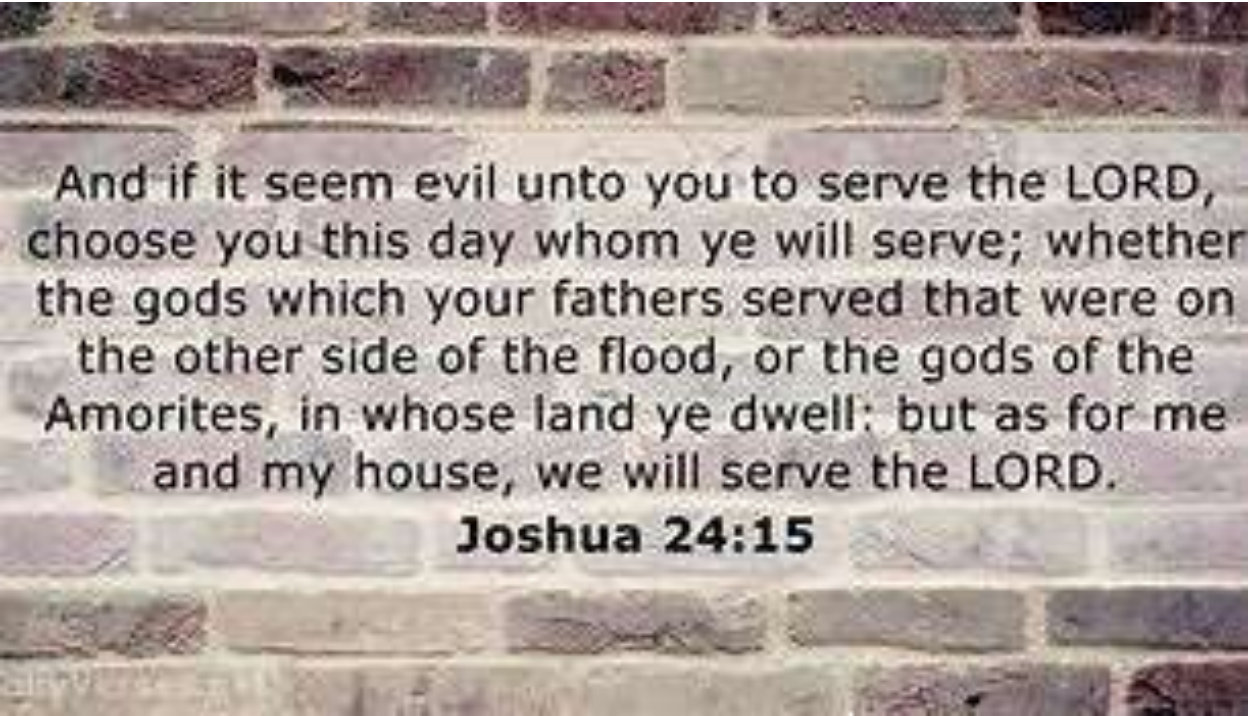
The new generation



The commission of Joshua

- **Joshua 23:6-11**
- **6** Therefore be **very courageous** to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, **7** and lest you go among these nations, these who remain among you. You shall not make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause *anyone* to swear *by them*; you shall not serve them nor bow down to them, **8** but you **shall hold fast** to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day. **9** For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations; but *as for* you, no one has been able to stand against you to this day. **10** One man of you shall chase a thousand, for the LORD your God is He who fights for you, *as* He promised you. **11** Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that **you love the LORD** your God

Commitment of Joshua

A photograph of a brick wall with a mix of red, brown, and tan bricks. The text is overlaid on the wall, centered horizontally.

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.

Joshua 24:15

Guidance from the top

Know	Know the Lord
Honour	Honour the Lord
Experience	Experience the Lord
Execute	Execute the will of God
Enjoy	Enjoy serving the Lord
Extend	Extend the leadership circle

Pitfalls

Satisfied with
partial finish

Gaining the
territory but
losing the purpose

Living on past
success and
achievements

Avoiding pitfalls

God at the centre of
everything

Constant connection with God(
God does not disconnect with
man but man does)

Total devotion to God

Readiness to repent and reform

GOOD FINISH

- It is defined and determined by God and His son
- I Cor 3:13-14

¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.