

# BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

## SERMON OUTLINE

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### THE LEGACY OF FINISHING WELL– Part 2

#### Joshua 24:1-27

We defined “*legacy*” as; something that remains after we leave this world – something that speaks of our lives. This means that we all are leaving some type of legacy for our families and our Christian walk with Christ.

A few years ago there was an interesting discovery made in the family trees of two families from American History who lived at the same time: **Max Juke**, a backwoodsman and the preacher **Jonathan Edwards**.

It is my firm belief that we should leave a threefold legacy of **CHARACTER, CONVICTIONS and a life of living for CHRIST**. I see in our Scripture text this morning such a man in Joshua. Let’s examine this passage as we seek to leave a Legacy of Finishing Well. You will notice that in chapter 23:1 that it says: “*that Joshua was old, advanced in age.*” He knows that his time is coming to a close as the leader of the Hebrew Nation and he takes an opportunity to talk to the people.

First, we see that he reminds them to ...

#### **I. REMEMBER: Because We Forget Vs.1-13**

He reminds them that they are **A CALLED PEOPLE VS.1-5** and **CARED FOR BY GOD VS.6-13**.

Next, he calls for a response . . .

#### **II. RESPOND: Because We Falter (24:14-18)**

He is calling for a **RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT**. You know we renew all kinds of things don't we. We renew our driver's licenses and car tags and credit cards and insurance.

Let's look at his four-fold challenge.

1. **Fear the Lord devotedly.**
2. **Serve the Lord exclusively**
3. **Throw away idols totally**
4. **Choose whom you will serve unreservedly**

We need to **remember**, we need to **respond** and finally, we need to remain.

#### **III. REMAIN: Because We're Fickle (24:19-27)**

He wants them to know that it's not about **religious reformation** – it's about **spiritual transformation**. Look at **Vs. 24-25** and what does it say. They spoke of devotion, three times the people affirmed their desire to serve only the Lord (Josh. 24:16-18, 21, 24), and Joshua took them at their word.

If we are going to leave a lasting legacy – a legacy of **FINISHING WELL** then like Joshua we must affirm our commitment to The Lord as we see in

**V-15** and renew our covenant of faith unto Christ as Lord of Lords and King of Kings as we see here in Joshua.