

Digging Deeper

Series: Ancient Words for a New Life

Sermon: No “**If**s”, “**And**s” or “**But**s”

Scripture: Selected Scriptures



GETTING STARTED

As you consider your life, think about someone who exerted great influence on you (e.g. relative, teacher, youth leader).

- Why were they so influential?
- What made you want to follow their instruction or example?

BIBLE STUDY

Read Deuteronomy 5:1-7 and answer the following questions.

1. Why do you suppose Moses “restated” the Ten Commandments for this new generation of Israelites just shortly before they were poised to enter the Promised Land?
2. What is the significance that God chose to identify Himself to the Israelites as the One who “brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery (v. 6)?
3. How is possible for us to have other gods beside the God Jehovah?

Read Joshua 24:14-24.

4. What challenge does Joshua issue to the people (vv. 14-15)?
5. In verse 14, Joshua says “Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt...” What does that say about the past faithfulness of the Israelites to the Lord?
6. How did the people ultimately respond to this challenge (vv. 21, 24)?

APPLY IT

1. Based upon your life, how would you complete the following sentence if God were addressing you directly: I am the LORD your God, who _____ .

- Think about that as you consider God's right to enter into a personal covenant with you.

2. By yourself and with another person who knows you well, examine the following areas of your life to help reveal what you may be tempted to put before God in your life:

Affections—What do you set your heart on?

Actions—How do you spend your time?

Achievements—What do you value?

Aspirations—What are your goals and dreams?