

## As we step into 2024 . . .

- I make/renew my covenant commitment to TRUST and FOLLOW Jesus, the Lord.
- I make/renew a covenant commitment to live for the DISCIPLE-MAKING MISSION of Jesus to help others find and follow Him.
- If married, I make/renew a covenant commitment to a GOSPEL-CENTERED MARRIAGE marked by humble, sacrificial love.
- I make/renew a covenant commitment to a GOSPEL-CENTERED HOME, to pursue a home/household centered around the Word and ways of the Lord.
- I make/renew a covenant commitment to this CHURCH FAMILY, to love and serve others in the family of God here at Grace Central Coast.

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(Post this outline somewhere in your life where you will see it, or keep it in your Bible across this 2024 year.)

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## TAKING ACTION

Take 30 - 60 minutes of quiet, personal time ASAP this week to build on today's message and make/renew your covenant commitments to the Lord. Bullet point specific details of what your commitment in each area will practically involve.

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**NEXT WEEK:** *Jesus and the Hatred of the World | John 15:18-6:4a*

## Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve

Covenant Renewal 2024 — Joshua 23-24

Sunday, December 31, 2023

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New Year's weekend has become a time for Covenant Renewal here at Grace Central Coast. This year we look at the Covenant Renewal in Joshua 24 for our inspiration and guidance.

### What is Covenant Renewal?

Covenant Renewal is making/renewing spiritual commitments to pursue our relationship with God.

### Why is Covenant Renewal necessary?

1. Covenant Renewal is necessary because spiritual apathy, spiritual drift, and worldliness are \_\_\_\_\_ to our hearts.
2. Covenant Renewal is necessary because a community of faith doesn't just happen; it must be continually \_\_\_\_\_ and intentionally \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Covenant Renewal is necessary because the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ as we make/renew spiritual commitments to Him.

### What does Covenant Renewal involve?

1. Covenant Renewal involves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's saving grace and faithfulness in our lives.
2. Covenant Renewal involves \_\_\_\_\_ to serve the Lord and center our lives upon His Word.
3. Covenant Renewal involves \_\_\_\_\_ other false gods that compete with or distract us from trusting and serving the Lord.

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*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

### CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Share highs and lows of the Christmas and New Year's holidays together as a group.

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Joshua 23 and 24 together as a group. How did you "come under" the text/message this week? How did God speak to you?
2. What is the setting of Joshua 23 and 24? Where are we in the Biblical story? What has happened before, and what happens after this Covenant Renewal gathering?
3. What is Covenant Renewal, and why is it necessary? (Don't look at that outline! Just answer this question in your own words.)

4. What's the difference between setting goals, making New Year's resolutions, and making/renewing spiritual commitments to pursue our relationship with God? Is there a difference?
5. What was it like for you to read our Grace Central Coast Covenant on Sunday together? What is the purpose of this practice? Are you a covenant member? Why or why not?
6. Share with one another one SPECIFIC spiritual commitment you are making for 2024. (Bible reading plan, prayer, area of service, generosity, spiritual practices, or something else)
7. What does Covenant Renewal look like for your group as a group heading into 2024? What are your spiritual commitments to one another, and how can you renew them together?

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Use Joshua 23-24 as a springboard for your prayers together. Pray for your spiritual commitment to the Lord as we step into 2024.
- Pray for your shared spiritual commitments and covenant together as a Growth Group as you begin a new year together.
- Share and pray for one another's joys and burdens.