

SERIES: HOW PEOPLE CHANGE

Week 6: Habit 6:

Have the Right Environment to Grow in Christ

(Joshua 1:8)

Faith, Church, and the World

Joshua 24:15

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Joshua made a personal choice to follow God

Joshua wanted his house (church) to serve the Lord

Joshua turned away from the gods of the fathers (world)

Joshua's name means: God is my help or salvation

Hebrews 4:8

For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

1. Joshua understood the importance of a healthy faith

Joshua 7:6

Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

Joshua 7:21

“When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it.”

Joshua 7:25

And Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day.” So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.

Romans 4:11

And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also, . . .

2. How do you grow in a local church environment?

Joshua said, “as for me *my household.*” (*Joshua 24:15*)

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Acts 18:23

After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

The church equips you to hold onto a Jesus-centered worldview

John 6:68

But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

3. How do you grow as Christians within a worldly environment?

Psalm 11:3

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The righteous need to be salt

Luke 14:34-35

"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

2 Corinthians 4:4

. . . whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, . . .

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