

God's Word for Us

Joshua 24:1-8,14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt. "Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea. But they cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time. "I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land . . . "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God."

Acts 1:1-8

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the

kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

MESSAGE NOTES

THE REARVIEW MIRROR AND THE WINDSHIELD

OUR CHURCH'S REAR VIEW MIRROR

Our History with a little help from *Sophie Pratt, Cooper Pratt, Harrison Wright* and *Tate Shore*

"There's a reason the windshield is so much bigger than the rear view mirror. Where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind."

OUR CHURCH'S WINDSHIELD

What do you love about King Moravian?

What I Want to See Happen at King Moravian (Pastor Doug's vision from two years ago)

Besides worshipping God wherever we are and worshipping God in the way we live our lives, that we get back to worshipping God together.

Sanctuary full of people

Those who are always here.

Those who are with us a lot of the time.

Those who are here occasionally and hope they will come more.

Those who were practicing social distancing from the church before it became a common phrase.

Our choir will be back.

Times again when we have our choir and orchestra.

That we will have new people come to our church who are looking for a church home and they find a church home at King Moravian.

Continue to reach out to our community as we continue to support King Outreach Ministry and through our Mission Blitz.

That we will get back to working on our church goals for this year:

Infrastructure and Capital Campaign

Member engagement

Transparency and communication

Expand ministries and those leading them

Growing youth

Partnership with Preschool

That we will continue to be a church family that loves and cares and supports each other and shows it in even greater ways.

That we will be the church God wants us to be.