

2026-07-26 Summary

What does it truly mean to choose who holds authority over our lives? This message takes us on a journey through some of the most compelling moments in Scripture, from Joshua gathering all of Israel at Shechem to remind them of everything God had done on their behalf, to Elijah standing before 850 false prophets on Mount Carmel and asking a question that still echoes today: how long will we waver between two opinions? The central lesson is both simple and deeply challenging. When we settle the question of authority, when we genuinely decide who is God in our lives, so many of the inner conflicts and distractions that pull us in different directions begin to resolve themselves. Joshua's declaration that as for him and his household, they would serve the Lord was not a casual religious statement. It was a deliberate, eyes-open commitment made in full view of everything God had already proven himself capable of doing. The same invitation stands before us. We are encouraged to look back at the evidence of God's provision and faithfulness in our own lives and ask honestly whether our daily thoughts, conversations, and priorities reflect a life truly oriented around him or around something else entirely.