

**The Context of the Story:
Joshua 9-10**

1. In Times of Challenge and Transition:

- **Seek God's _____ prior to making your**

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Joshua 9:14

James 4:13-17

- **Your commitments _____ greatly to**

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Joshua 9:19

Psalm 15:1-5

Proverbs 19:22

Exodus 20:7

- **Get your most _____ commitment**

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Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 16:25

1. There are some important life principles that can help us when we have a big decision to make. Below are some verses that shed additional light on using the resources God has given us in times of decision making. Read each one and jot down your insights.

⇒ Scripture:

Psalm 119:9-11; 59-61; 97-105; Proverbs 2

⇒ Wise Counsel:

Proverbs 15:22; 2 Chronicles 10:1-11

⇒ The Inner Promptings of the Holy Spirit;

Acts 16:6-10; Acts 20:22-23; John 16:12-14

2. Solomon was the wisest man of his day, yet even he made some really bad decisions. One example of this can be found in 1 Kings 11:1-13. Read this passage and then spend a little time considering where this king went wrong.

⇒ What principles from God's Word did Solomon ignore?

3. Throughout history, God has made His expectations clear for His followers. Moses wraps up a great sermon in Deuteronomy 30 by outlining specific commitments God was asking His children to make.

⇒ Read Deuteronomy 30:11-20 and catalog a list of God's expectations for the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land.

⇒ If you were an Israelite hearing this passage what would compel you to keep your commitments and follow God's instruction?

⇒ What compels you to keep commitments in your life today?

⇒ Does anything make it difficult?

