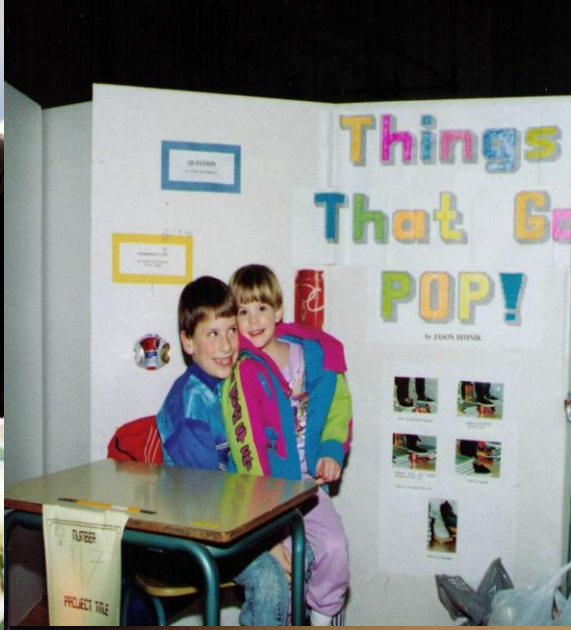
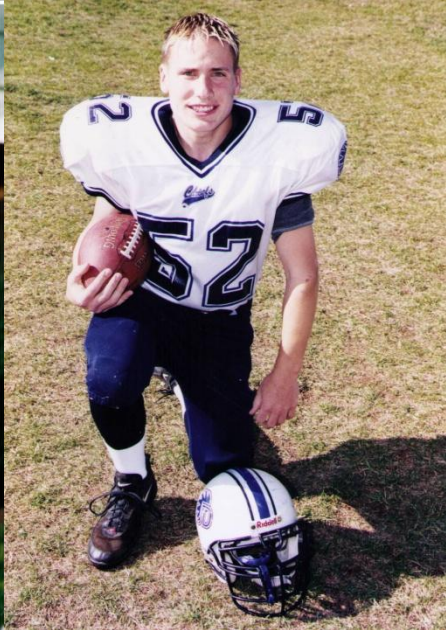




The Defining Moment

Joshua 24:14-22



14 “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.

15 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.”



¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.”



19 Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. 20 If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on



you and make an end of you,
after he has been good to you.”

²¹ But the people said to Joshua, “No! We
will serve the LORD.” ²² Then

Joshua said, “You are witnesses
against yourselves that you
have chosen to serve the LORD.”



“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

²³ “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.”



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2. The Response



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A Defining Moment

2. The Response

- Blend in or be different
- Place God first in your life
- Get rid of idols



1. What am I living for? What are my hopes and dreams?
2. What do I wake up and go to sleep thinking about?
3. Whose opinion matters most?
4. What gives your life meaning?
5. How do you define yourself?
6. What do I spend my money on?
7. What am I most afraid of losing? What do I worry about most?



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3. The Focus



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- Who God is



God's character is so far beyond our ability to know and to understand and to manage and commit ourselves to.

“God is holy” - He is beyond, distinct, unfathomable, unknowable, so morally perfect that we cannot hope to



have anything of merit to offer Him. “God is jealous” - His love for His people is so strong and perfect and deep and wide and mysterious and joyful that He will not accept anything less than total commitment, absolute faithfulness.



A Defining Moment

3. The Focus

- Who God is
- We can only serve God when we rely fully on God, not our own strength





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