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Taking God seriously means that:

- I <u>r e m e m b e r</u> and recognize the <u>g o o d n e s s</u> and <u>f a i t h f u l n e s s</u> of God in my life (24:1-13; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26)
 - ° He <u>e n l i g h t e n e d</u> us (vs 1-4; 2 Cor 4:6; Eph 5:8)
 - ° He <u>d e I i v e r e d</u> us (vs 5-7; Col 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-21)
 - ° He <u>protected</u> us (vs 8-10; 2 Thess3:3; Heb 2:14-18)
 - $^{\circ}$ He <u>provided</u> for us (vs 11-13; Col 1:10-12; 1 Pet 1:3-5)
- because of God's faithfulness I make an appropriate response to Him (24:14-30; 1 Kings 18:21)
 - Worship is an <u>intentional</u> <u>decision</u> (vs 14-18;
 Psalm 42:1-11; Luke 2:36-37; John 9:38)
 - Service is an <u>a c t</u> of <u>w o r s h i p</u> (vs 19-23; Rom 12:1-2; Luke 7:36-50)
 - Obedience is <u>r e v e a l e d</u> as we engage in worship and service to the Lord (vs 24-30; Isa 6:1-9a; John 14:21)

Personally....

	ve I made the decision to choose to follow God and His ways on have I chosen to follow the ways of this world and my own desires and convenience? Be honest in your evaluation. Do I need to make a change? What will I do?
	v does remembering what God has done for me help me to "stay the course"? Explain.
,	you think God is impressed with empty promises to serve Him or that He is more interested in seeing faith proven by actions? Why? In which of these two groups would you place yourself? Explain.
,	v does Joshua 24 relate to my walk of faith and my relationship with Jesus? Which area(s) are the weakest in my life as a Christian? Worship? Service? Obedience? What will I do to grow in that/those area(s)?