***Courageous: Seriously Devoted to You***

Joshua 5:13-6:27

**Rahab is seriously devoted.** (Joshua 2:8-13)

**Joshua 2:12-13 (NIV)**
12  Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign 13  that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.

**Joshua is seriously devoted.** (Joshua 5:13-15)

*God is not here to take sides. He is here to take over!*

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*In my life, who is “Lord” and who is “servant”?*

**The LORD is seriously devoted.**

* The LORD is seriously devoted to His character.
* The LORD is seriously gracious. (Joshua 6:17, 22-23)
* The LORD is seriously patient.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NIV)**
For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)**
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**Exodus 34:5-7 (NIV)**
5  Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. 6  And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7  maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. *Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished*; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

*If God is love, why does anyone receive judgment?*

* The LORD is seriously holy.

*Being “good” is good, but it is not good enough.*

* The LORD is seriously devoted to His people.

*Sin is desperately contagious.*

*To compromise with evil is dangerous and invites spiritual disaster.*
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**Genesis 6:5-6 (ESV)**

5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

*We serve a God who created our humanity, weeps at the fall of our humanity, became our humanity, and is redeeming our humanity.*

—Author Glenn Stanton

**John 3:16-17 (NIV)**
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.