JOSHUA 24:13-18 (NKJV)

13 “I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.”

14 “Now therefore, fear the Lord , serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord!

15 “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

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WITH
CHILDREN

HUSHING THE CULTURE TO LEAD MY FAMILY

Joshua 24:13-15

CULTURE:

The quality in a person or society that arises from a concern for what is regarded as excellent in arts, letters, manners, scholarly pursuits, etc.

In order to HUSH the Culture so I can Lead my Family, I must…

1. Acknowledge my "Contributions" to my Current Condition

(Here's a hint… it's not much)

JOSHUA 24:13 (NKJV)

“I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.”

WE SHOULDN'T RUSH TO TAKE CREDIT FOR WHERE WE MAY FIND OURSELVES.

Don't just know that things were done in your life – know that God did them!

In order to HUSH the Culture so I can Lead my Family, I must...

2. Make a Decision, and Act on it!

JOSHUA 24:14 (NKJV)

“Now therefore, fear the Lord , serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. **Serve the Lord**!”

JOSHUA 24:15 (NKJV)

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

YOU WILL DRAG YOUR FAMILY SPIRITUALLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER!

"As for me, and my house…"

1. NOT MY HOUSE, WITHOUT ME
2. NOT ME, WITHOUT MY HOUSE
3. FIRST ME, THEN MY HOUSE

In order to HUSH the Culture so I can Lead my Family, I must...

3. Let Your Choice Be Known

Say it out loud, make a public record... and mean it!

HOMEWORK:

Ask yourself these questions…

1. What have you done to memorialize the confession you've made to follow the Lord?
2. Who have you told that you're a follower of Christ?
3. Are you seeking to be discipled and disciple others, starting with those in your own home?