

2023 Joshua Outline
Forward: Claiming the Life God Gave You
How To Stop Assuming Your Way Into Messes
Joshua 22:1-34

There are four parts to the story of Joshua 22 and the incorrect assumption that almost resulted in Israel ending up in a civil war:

- (1) Joshua _____ the faithfulness of the fighting men of Reuben, Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh to God and Israel and releases them to go back across the Jordan to their families with a challenge. (22:1-9)
 - A. Let your _____ be for God. – “to love the LORD your God,”
 - B. Let your _____ be God’s. – “and to walk in all his ways”
 - C. Do what God _____. - “keep his commandments”
 - D. Find your _____ in Him – “and to cling to him”
 - E. _____ live your lives for Him! – “and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.”
- (2) The western tribes assume the _____ about a monument built by the eastern tribes and immediately set out to destroy them! (22:10-20)
- (3) To the _____ of the leaders of the tribes of the west, they found out the eastern tribes built the edifice as a monument to encourage future generations in the west that the eastern tribes were committed to God and the entire nation of Israel, not as a working altar! (22:21-29)
- (4) The Western tribes _____ the explanation of the Eastern tribes and fully embraced that they were unified in their common worship of God through obedience to the Mosaic Law. (22:30-34)

Application: 4 Biblical Principles To Keep You From Assuming Your Way Into A Mess:

- (1) Never assume you should _____ the doctrines of the Gospel or the moral and ethical standards the New Testament makes abundantly clear. If unity requires this from us, then we cannot have unity. (Psalm 119:4-5, Titus 1:10-14, 1 John 2:15-17)
- (2) Don't assume _____ conclusions are valid until proven. Those inclined to do so typically suffer from, insecurity, jealousy, bitterness, or foolishness! (Proverbs 14:29; 25:7b-8, James 3:14-18)
- (3) Never assume you properly _____ a situation until you’ve asked questions and objectively considered the answers. (Proverbs 4:5-9; 18:2; James 1:19-20)
- (4) Don't demand that people assume _____ motives are pure. Communicate your heart and let His light shine! (Matthew 5:13-16; 7:21-23)