

“The Transition Ahead”

Joshua 22

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Question: In light of God’s faithfulness, how will the Lighthouse family respond to God in the important transition ahead?

Answer #1: **WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO GIVE AN ALL-IN RESPONSE TO GOD.** (Joshua 22:1-9a)

(See Numbers 32 and Joshua 1:14-15)

At that time Joshua summoned the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and said to them, “You have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you and have obeyed my voice in all that I have commanded you. You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, down to this day, but have been careful to keep the charge of the LORD your God. And now the LORD your God has given rest to your brothers, as he promised them. Therefore turn and go to your tents in the land where your possession lies, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan. Joshua 22:1-4 (English Standard Version)

Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.” So Joshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents. Joshua 22:5-6 (ESV)

Answer #2: **WE STAY ALERT TO OUR SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY AND INTERVENE SHOULD WE SEE SPIRITUAL RED FLAGS.**

(Joshua 22:10-20)

And when they came to the region of the Jordan that is in the land of Canaan, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, an altar of imposing size. And the people of Israel heard it said, “Behold, the people of Reuben and the people of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the frontier of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that belongs to the people of Israel.” And when the people of Israel heard of it, the whole assembly of the people of Israel gathered at Shiloh to make war against them. Joshua 22:10-12 (ESV)

Answer #3: **WE MAINTAIN A WITNESS THAT TEACHES FAITH TO THE NEXT GENERATION** (Joshua 22:21-34)

Big-idea: A successful transition requires an all-in commitment to God and an all-in commitment to God’s family.