

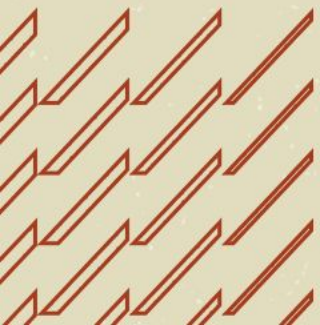
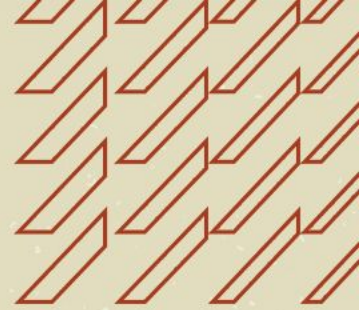


Faithfulness to Our Faithful Savior

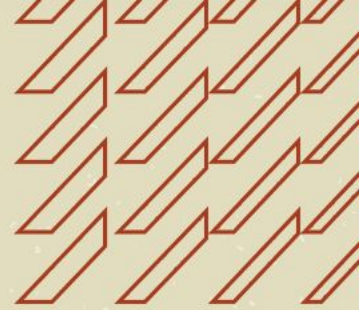
Joshua 23–24



What does faithfulness look like?

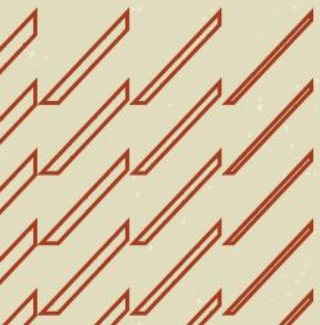


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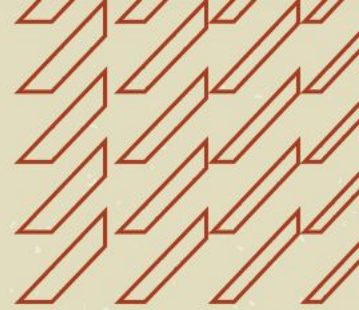


1 A long time after the Lord had given Israel rest from all the enemies around them, Joshua was old, advanced in age.

2 So Joshua summoned all Israel, including its elders, leaders, judges, and officers, and said to them, “I am old, advanced in age, (3) and you have seen for yourselves everything the Lord your God did to all these nations on your account, because it was the Lord your God who was fighting for you.

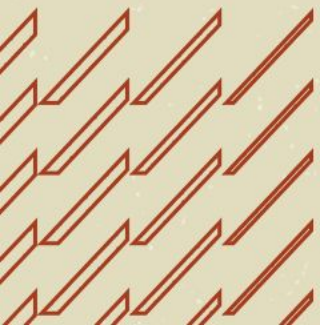


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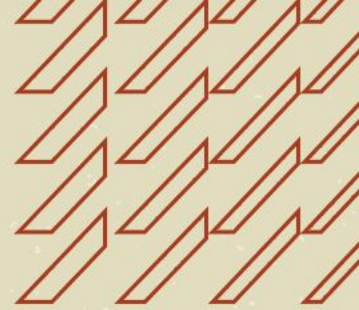


4 See, I have allotted these remaining nations to you as an inheritance for your tribes, including all the nations I have destroyed, from the Jordan westward to the Mediterranean Sea.

5 The Lord your God will force them back on your account and drive them out before you so that you can take possession of their land, as the Lord your God promised you.

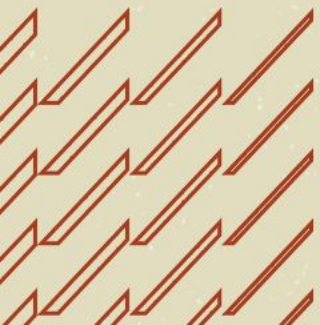


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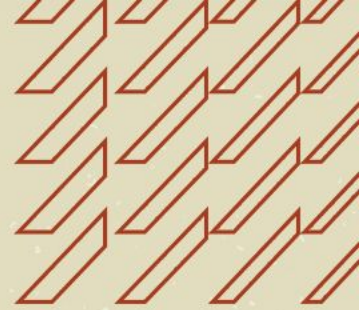


6 “Be very strong and continue obeying all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you do not turn from it to the right or left 7 and so that you do not associate with these nations remaining among you. Do not call on the names of their gods or make an oath to them; do not serve them or bow in worship to them.

8 Instead, be loyal to the Lord your God, as you have been to this day.

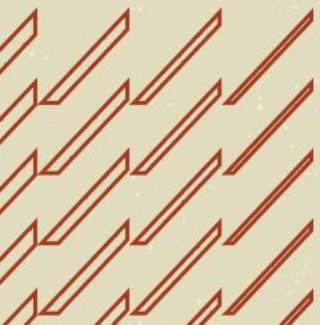


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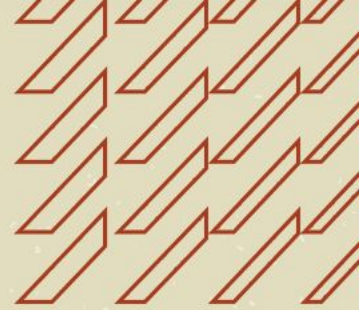


9 “The Lord has driven out great and powerful nations before you, and no one is able to stand against you to this day.

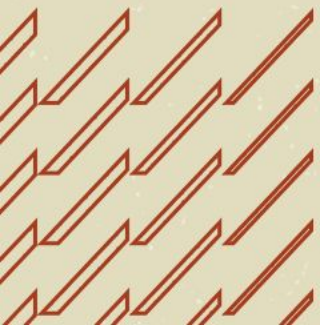
10 One of you routed a thousand because the Lord your God was fighting for you, as he promised.



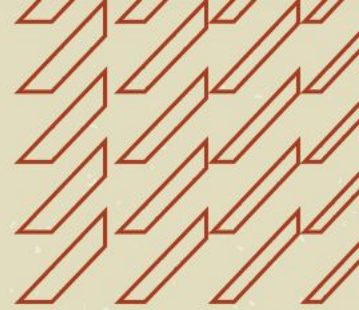
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11 So diligently watch yourselves! Love the Lord your God! 12 If you ever turn away and become loyal to the rest of these nations remaining among you, and if you intermarry or associate with them and they with you, (13) know for certain that the Lord your God will not continue to drive these nations out before you. They will become a snare and a trap for you, a sharp stick for your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you disappear from this good land the Lord your God has given you.



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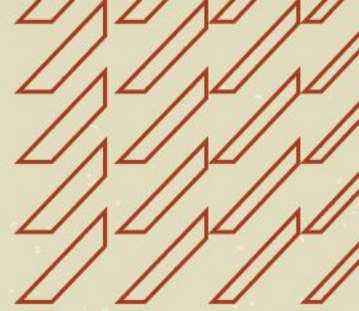


14 “I am now going the way of the whole earth, and you know with all your heart and all your soul that none of the good promises the Lord your God made to you has failed. Everything was fulfilled for you; not one promise has failed.

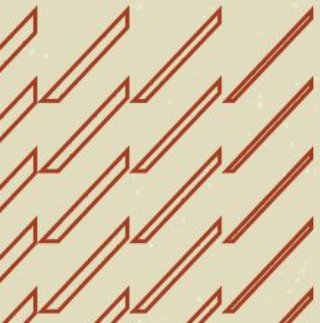
15 Since every good thing the Lord your God promised you has come about, so he will bring on you every bad thing until he has annihilated you from this good land the Lord your God has given you



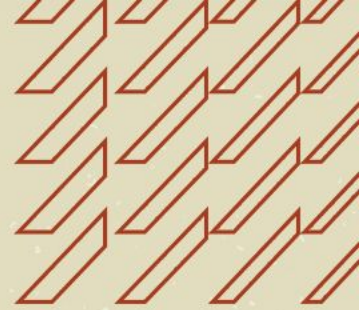
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(16) If you break the covenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow in worship to them, the Lord's anger will burn against you, and you will quickly disappear from this good land he has given you.

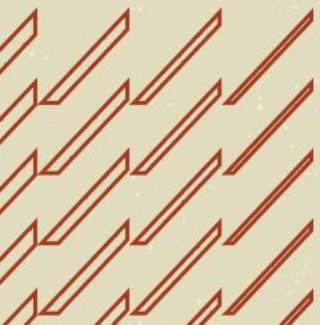


Joshua 24



1 Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and summoned Israel's elders, leaders, judges, and officers, and they presented themselves before God.

2 Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah, the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.'

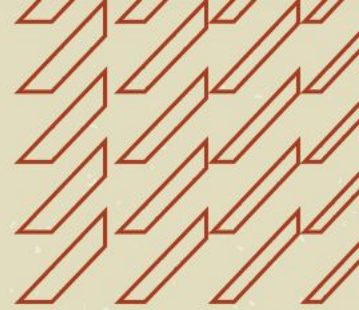


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12 I sent hornets, ahead of you, and they drove out the two Amorite kings before you. It was not by your sword or bow.

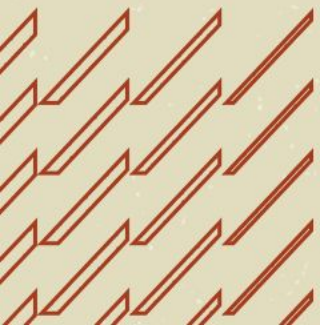
13 I gave you a land you did not labor for, and cities you did not build, though you live in them; you are eating from vineyards and olive groves you did not plant.'

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14 “Therefore, fear the Lord and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord. 15 But if it doesn’t please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living?

As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.”



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21 "No!" the people answered Joshua.

"We will worship the Lord."

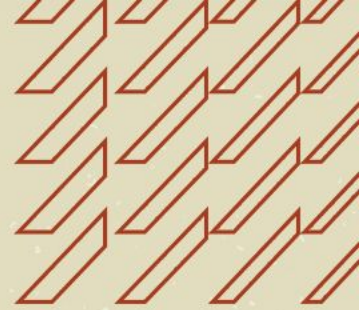
22 Joshua then told the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you yourselves have chosen to worship the Lord." "We are witnesses," they said.

23 "Then get rid of the foreign gods that are among you and turn your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel."

24 So the people said to Joshua,

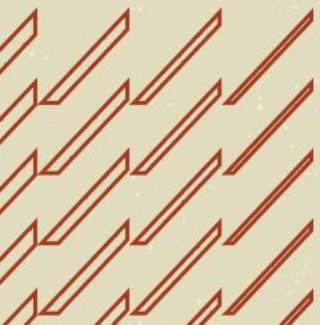
"We will worship the Lord our God and obey him."

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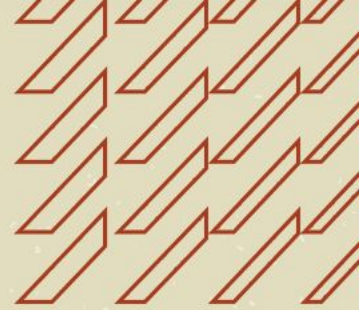


25 On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people at Shechem and established a statute and ordinance for them.

26 Joshua recorded these things in the book of the law of God; he also took a large stone and set it up there under the oak at the sanctuary of the Lord.

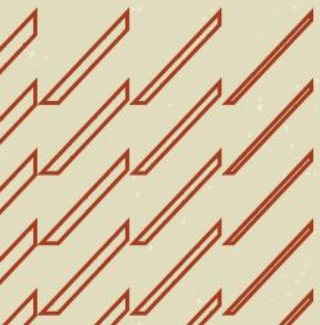


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27 And Joshua said to all the people, “You see this stone—it will be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words the Lord said to us, and it will be a witness against you, so that you will not deny your God.”


28 Then Joshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.



Mark 10

42 Jesus called them over and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. 43 But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, (44) and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all.

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



**Jesus has shown us the way to faithfulness
by remaining loyal to God's commands and
serving us with his love.**

Will you choose to be faithful in response?