

Serve the Lord

by Erlo Stegen

The sermon emphasizes the importance of serving the Lord with all our hearts and remaining faithful to the end, as seen in the example of Arno and Franzi Stegen.

Scripture: Joshua 24:15, 1 Samuel 3:1, Psalm 100:2, Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 6:24, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Ephesians 6:7, Colossians 3:23-24, Hebrews 10:23

Topics: "Faithfulness", "Family Commitment"

Description

Erlo Stegen emphasizes the commitment to serve the Lord as a family, reflecting on Arno's journey and the importance of faithfulness in ministry. He highlights the significance of Arno and Franzi's wedding text, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,' and challenges the congregation to consider their own dedication to God amidst trials. Stegen encourages believers to remain steadfast in their service to Jesus, rejecting idols and distractions that may lead them away from their calling.

Transcript

Jos 24:15b, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Uncle Erlo related a little about Arno's life because it was his silver wedding anniversary and to give thanks to the Lord Jesus for Arno's life. He was fourteen years old when he came to the mission. Uncle Erlo was not yet married and so Arno was like Samuel in the temple. He wanted to leave school in grade 8 to be in full mission work but being advised to continue with his schooling, he continued till matric. When the magistrate threatened to close the supermarket because of the services Uncle Erlo was holding, they said that it didn't matter if the business went down as long as the gospel was preached.

Franzi comes from Switzerland and has been a helpmeet to her husband. Great is the role a woman can play.

Arno and Franzi's wedding text was the text above, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." It takes a real man to say something like this. It refers to family and servants in the household too - i.e. a man's whole household.

Where do you stand? Many have left the work. Will you also leave or be faithful to the end together with your household?

We have to serve the Lord Jesus with all our hearts and not idols.

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