

ONE CONVERSATION

***Parents:** The people of Israel had essentially accomplished the mission God had given Joshua of taking the promised land. In a sense, Joshua 22 recounts Israel returning back to real life after having witnessed God miraculously and mightily fight for them as they sought to fulfill their mission of gaining the promised land. As life returned to normal for the various tribes of Israel in the promised land, Joshua challenged them to persevere in loving and serving God with all their hearts and minds. How we live in the days and weeks that follow significant events says a great deal about us. As students come back from “mountain top” experiences, their faith in and passion for God will be challenged—they need the simple reminder to press on—to continue loving and serving the Lord no matter what.*

Consider your son or daughter’s circumstances and the challenges they might be facing, and pray specifically for those situations and that God would give them endurance and strength to press on in their walk with Him.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Following Christ requires us to press on in life, loving and serving Him with all that we are, regardless of the circumstances.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Sometimes we neglect opportunities to live on mission for Christ because we wrongly assume we are ill-equipped for mission. We think that someone else is surely more equipped to share Christ with a lost friend or show mercy to someone in need. In such instances, we need to recount the many ways God has blessed and provided for us. Journal a list of God’s provision in your life, of the ways God has provided for you both physically and spiritually. Then pray, asking God to help you rest in His provision and trust in His strength as you seek to live for His kingdom and glory.
- › **Memorize:** Joshua 22:5
- › **Pray:** Thank God for His faithfulness in your life and in the life of your family. Pray that He would help you to live with a deeper and more present awareness of His faithfulness and provision. Ask Him to help you press on in love and obedience to Him no matter what circumstances you find yourself in. Pray that the focus and purpose of your life would be centered on loving Him supremely and living on mission for Him.