Change of Religious Loyalty

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exod. 20:3)

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household we will serve the LORD." (Josh. 24:14-15)

Reference	Story	Emphasis
Gen. 12:1-8; Josh. 24:1-3	Call of Abram	Abram left other gods to follow Jehovah.
Exod. 20:1-23	Ten Commandments	Israel must not go after other gods.
Exod. 32:1-35	Golden Calf	Israel went after gods and was punished.
Josh. 23:1-24:28	Call to Choose to Serve	God requires exclusive loyalty from his people.
	Jehovah	
Judg. 2:1-22	Israel Turned to Other	God allowed them to be tested.
	Gods	
Ruth 1:1-18	Ruth Goes to Israel	Ruth left her gods to follow Jehovah.
Jon. 1:1-3:10	Jonah	God spared Nineveh because they repented of their sin.
Jer. 11:1-17	Covenant Broken	God will no longer listen to Israel because of her unfaithfulness.
Dan. 3:1-29	Fiery Furnace	Nebuchadnezzar recognized the superior nature of Jehovah.
Dan. 6:1-28	Lion's Den	Darius proclaimed the greatness of Jehovah.
John 3:1-21; 19:38-42	Nicodemus	Nicodemus embraced Jesus as his new lord.
John 4:1-42	Woman of Samaria	Many Samaritans became followers of Jesus, though they had their own
		worship.
Acts 2:1-41	Pentecost	3000 Jews became followers of Jesus.
Acts 8:26-40	Philip and the Ethiopian	An African leaves his religion to become a Christian.
Acts 9:1-19	Saul's Conversion	A devout Jew became a follower of Jesus.
Acts 13:1-12	Sergius Paulus'	Sergius Paulus became a Christian even though Elymas the Magician urged
	Conversion	him not to do it.
Acts 10:1-47	Peter with Cornelius	A gentile became a Christian.
Acts 17:16-34	Paul in Athens	Religious people who had many idols accepted Jesus as the previously
		unknown God.

Acts 25:23-26:32	Paul before Agrippa	Paul would like everyone there to become a follower of Jesus.
Rev. 5:1-14	The Lamb Opens the Book	Jesus died to purchase people from every group on the earth.