**Epic Life Sacramento**

**Breakthrough From Past To Present**

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**Bible Passages**

**Joshua 22:24-29 (MSG)**

*It is not a rebellion. We did it because we cared. We were anxious lest someday* ***your*** *children should say to our children, ‘You’re not connected with God, the God of Israel! God made the Jordan a boundary between us and you. You have no part in God.’ And then* ***your*** *children might cause our children to quit worshiping God.*

*26 “So we said to ourselves, ‘Let’s do something. Let’s build an altar—but not for sacrifices.’*

*27 “We built this altar as a witness between us and you and our children coming after us, a witness to the Altar where we worship God in his Sacred Dwelling.”*

*“This way,* ***your*** *children won’t be able to say to our children in the future, ‘You have no part in God.’*

*28 “We said to ourselves, ‘If anyone speaks disparagingly to us or to our children in the future, we’ll say: Look at this model of God’s Altar which our ancestors made. It’s not for sacrifices. It’s a witness connecting us with you.’*

*“Rebelling against or turning our backs on God is the last thing on our minds right now. We never dreamed of building an altar to rival the Altar of our God in front of his Sacred Dwelling.”*