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Text : Joshua 22
Setting : Group Teaching
Who : Men above 40yrs old
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Chapter 22 > Storyline

v01-09: THE RETURN

Joshua sent the eastern tribes back to their homes; urging them to continue to be obedient to God

v10-12: THE ACCUSATION

A gigantic altar built by the eastern tribes was seen as an alarming concern to the rest of the Israelites

v13-20: THE PROSECUTION

Phinehas the priest together with 10 chiefs confronted the eastern tribes; stating two past bad examples

v21-29: THE DEFENSE

The eastern tribes defended themselves with a grounded reasoning in view of their future generations

v30-34: THE AQUITTAL

The whole Israel understood the intention and no internal war erupted

3 Learning Points

- a) **A**ssuming a situation with our own perspective can be disastrous
(even with good intention)
- b) **E**xpressing the concern constructively is important and not just assume
- c) **D**efending with grounded God-centred rationale sets a firm basis