



JOSHUA: Courage and Victory Through Faith- Part 3

TEXT:

Joshua 5:8-15

8 So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. 9 Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefor the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year. 13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" 14 So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the Commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

STATEMENT:

_____ based on God's plan will find that His _____ will come to _____ in your life.

PREPARATION FOR GOD'S PLAN IN YOUR LIFE:

1. Dealing with the _____.

Joshua 5:7

Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

_____ is to cut all ties to the former way of life—get rid of Egypt.

Colossians 2:11

When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature.

Point 1 continued:

Romans 8:6-9

6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. 9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Break free of thinking you have a _____.

John 8:34-36

34 Jesus (said), "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Galatians 3:14

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

PREPARATION FOR GOD'S PLAN IN YOUR LIFE:

2. Realizing God's _____.

Joshua 5:9

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefor the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

Joshua 5:10-12

10 Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the very same day. 12 Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

PREPARATION FOR GOD'S PLAN IN YOUR LIFE:

3. Know you are not _____.

Joshua 5:13-15

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Psalms 46:1-2a God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear...

Isaiah 41:13

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

John 14:16

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever...

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Conclusion:

As Jesus taught us through His humility, _____ everything to God's plan. Then we can align our _____ in _____!

As to say to God:

Not my expectations, but Your expectation!

Reflection:

1. Consider honestly to yourself what your expectations really are.
2. Now evaluate if those expectations are based on your commitment to God, His Word and His plan for your life?