

1. Read Joshua 5:1-9 — **God Renews His People Before Granting Victory.**
 - a. What was the historic significance of circumcision for the Israelites? Why might this act at this moment have felt like a setback from a human perspective? What does the Lord's statement in Verse 9 and the meaning of "Gilgal" communicate about Israel's identity?
 - b. How does the heart behind the act of circumcision carry over for New Testament believers today (Romans 2:28-29; Colossians 2:11-12)? What habits, attitudes, or compromises might God be calling you to confront or "cut away" right now?
 - c. In what ways might someone be in the "right place" physically but not in the right place spiritually? How do these verses remind us that before God does a work through you he must do a work in you?
2. Read Joshua 5:10-12 — **God Sustains His People Before Sending Them Forward.**
 - a. What was the Passover? Why was stopping to celebrate Passover significant at this moment in Israel's journey?
 - b. Why might the Israelites be confused or frustrated with the stoppage of daily manna? What does the shift from manna in the wilderness to harvest in the promised land teach us about spiritual growth and maturity?
 - c. Have you ever experienced a season where God's provision looked different than before? Why is it sometimes harder to trust God in the ordinary than in the miraculous?
3. Read Joshua 5:13-15 — **God Leads His People Before Fighting for Them.**
 - a. What is surprising about the commander's answer to Joshua: "Are you for us or for our enemies?" What does Joshua's response reveal about who this figure is?
 - b. Why is it significant that this encounter happens before the battle strategy is given in Chapter 6? Why must our alignment with God precede our assignment from God?
 - c. What are some ways we are tempted to ask, "God, are you on my side?" instead of, "God, am I on your side?" Like Joshua, what are some areas of your life that you can better respond to the lordship of Jesus with submission and surrender?

Next Week: Joshua 6:1-27

Reading Plan: Matthew 18-22



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