

## Sermon Series: Courageous Crossings: Lessons from the Life of Joshua

Today's Sermon: "When God Doesn't Make Sense"

Key Text: Joshua 5:13-6:1-20

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**Joshua 1:9**, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

### Truth for Today:

- When God chooses not to **explain** Himself, you can still **trust** His character.
- Faith often looks **foolish** before it proves **fruitful**.
- Worship is not always **easy**, but it is always **essential**.

### Bottom Line:

You don't need to **understand** the plan to **trust** the One who made it.

## I. **Live With Your Shoes Off.** (Joshua 5:13-15)

**Joshua 5:13b-14a** *"And Joshua went to him and said to him, 'Are you for us, or for our adversaries?'" And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come."*

Jesus didn't come to take **sides**. He came to take **over**.

"Shoes-off" living looks like:

- **Reverence**
- **Surrender**
- **Reliance**

Life's toughest battles are **won** on our **knees**.

When you **kneel** before the King of Kings in the **morning**, you can **stand** before anyone the rest of the **day**.

## II. Be **Willing** to Look **Foolish**. (Joshua 6:6-10)

*But Joshua had commanded the army, 'Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!'* (v.10)

Sacred **silence** is a necessary discipline because:

- Silence allows you to experience **peace** when your mind wants to **panic**.
- Silent **obedience** > noisy **unbelief**

With God, even when **nothing** is happening, **something** is happening.

**1 Corinthians 1:27**, “*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.*”

### **III. Shout in Faith Before You See the Finish Line. (Joshua 6:15–16, 20)**

**Hebrews 11:30** – “*By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.*”

*“What will some of you do when you get to heaven, if you go on grumbling all the way? Do not hope to get to heaven in that style. Praise now is the best preparation for praise then.”*

— **Charles Spurgeon**

Worship is a **weapon** we can wield to **fight** our battles.

- Our enemies **flee** when we begin to **sing**!  
*“As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes...” 2 Chronicles 20:22*
- Praise shifts our darkest **moment** to our finest **hour**.  
*“At midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God...” Acts 16:25–26*

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- What battle do I need to step **back** from so the Lord can **fight** for me?
- In what area of my life is God asking me to **obey**, even though it doesn’t make **sense**?
- Am I willing to **praise** before I see the **provision**, and **shout** before I see the **solution**?

#### **Application:**

- Start each day in **surrender** so you can walk in **confidence**.
- Trust that God is **working** even while you’re **waiting**.
- Thank God **now** for what He’s going to do **soon**.