



Welcome!

SERIES: UNDER PRESSURE

Today's Message: Under Pressure to Win

Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: God, we thank you that everything attached to you wins. We are attached to you. Our families are attached to you. Our church is attached to you. In humility, we give you thanks for the victories you make possible. Give us faith to continue, joy in the work, and courage to endure. We give you all the glory, honor, praise, and credit for our victories. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Describe a win and a lost you've experienced in the last year?

MESSAGE RECAP: Joshua 5 is the end of the first major section of the book. Commentator David M. Howard summarizes it like this: At the end of this section, the Israelites stand well-prepared for their first major encounter with the Canaanites whose land they were to inherit. They were well prepared because (1) God was with them, (2) God had given them a leader who was already in process of becoming a worthy successor to Moses, (3) The entire nation was taking care to obey God's commands, and (4) because they were careful to consecrate themselves."

SCRIPTURE: Read *Joshua 5:13-15 (NIV)*

DISCUSSION:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
2. **Meet God:** How would you describe the first time you were aware of the presence of God with you? Where were you? What happened to you? Did you tell anyone else?
3. **Standing Alone:** have you ever had to stand alone on an issue? How would you describe your experience of leadership: positive or negative or something in between? Share a positive experience you've had in leadership. Share a leadership experience that was tough. What was your response? What was the result?
4. **Learning to Worship:** what was more important for Joshua to do than put together a military strategy in our text? Why wasn't putting together a good military strategy more important than remembering the holiness and the presence of God? Is there ever anything that we make a bigger priority than remembering the holiness of God, and if so what are some examples?
5. **In Joshua 5:13-15** who did God send to help Joshua and the Israelites? How was that individual going to help Joshua and the Israelites? Does God provide His people today with a helper for life and ministry? If so, who is that helper and what are some of the things that helper does for God's people?

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CHALLENGE: What is one “a-ha” moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week’s message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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We Care!

A large, solid red heart is positioned behind the text 'We Care!'.

NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory

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- Imagination (0-10): Vernita Williams: Vernita.Williams@myspbc.org
- SMB (11-19): Martina Jones-Smith: Martina.Jones-Smith@myspbc.org
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