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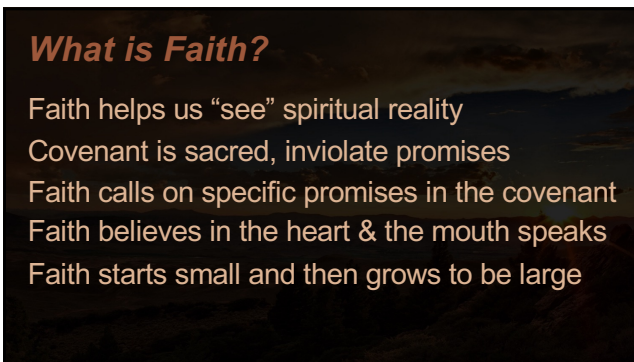
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**What is Faith?**

Promises enable us to live a supernatural life  
Faith is the only way to please God  
Faith Feeds on the Word  
Faith speaks the Word  
God Honors Our Covenants with Others  
Faith in God's Instructions

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**What is Faith?**

Faith Built by Remembering  
Faith in God's sovereignty

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**Preparation for our Calling**

Preparation	Meaning
Memorial Remember the Crossing of Jordan	Miracle of our Calling

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**Joshua 5**

As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

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**Hearts Melt Before the Lord**

Hearts that melt before the Lord in faith stay soft and pliable in repentance

Hearts that melt before the Lord in fear solidify again to even greater resistance

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**Joshua 5**

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time." 3 So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.

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**Joshua 5**

5 Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. 6 For the people of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished,

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**Joshua 5**

6...because they did not obey the voice of the Lord; the Lord swore to them that he would not let them see the land that the Lord had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

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**Joshua 5**

7 So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

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**Faith in Holiness**

1. Circumcision of the heart is the mark that identifies a covenant person

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**Deuteronomy 30:6**

6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

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**Deuteronomy 10:15-16**

15 Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn.

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**Romans 2:28-29**

28 For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, and true circumcision is not something visible in the flesh. 29 On the contrary, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is of the heart—by the Spirit, not the letter. That man’s praise is not from men but from God.

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**Preparation for our Calling**

Preparation	Meaning
Memorial Remember the Crossing of Jordan	Miracle of our Calling
Circumcision Remember the Mark of the covenant	Marked for our Calling

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**Joshua 5**

8 When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. 9 And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

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*Helplessness is the Doorway*

“Christ is a stumbling block . . .  
Because [He] takes the disease that  
we hate most, namely, helplessness,  
and instead of curing it, makes it the  
doorway to heaven.”

- John Piper

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*Joshua 5*

10 While the people of Israel were  
encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover  
on the fourteenth day of the month in the  
evening on the plains of Jericho. 11 And the  
day after the Passover, on that very day,  
they ate of the produce of the land,  
unleavened cakes and parched grain.

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*Joshua 5*

12 And the manna ceased the day after they  
ate of the produce of the land. And there  
was no longer manna for the people of  
Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of  
Canaan that year.

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**Preparation for our Calling**

Preparation	Meaning
Memorial Remember the Crossing of Jordan	Miracle of our Calling
Circumcision Remember the Mark of the covenant	Marked for our Calling
Passover Remember Redemption from slavery	Redeemed for our Calling

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**Joshua 5**

13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?"

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**Joshua 5**

14 And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"

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**Joshua 5**

15 And the commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

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**Deuteronomy 9**

4 "Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out before you.

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**Deuteronomy 9**

5 Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the Lord your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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**Deuteronomy 9**

6 “Know, therefore, that the Lord your God is not giving you this good land to possess because of your righteousness, for you are a stubborn people.

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**Pre-InCarnate Revelation of Jesus**

We know that this Being, standing before Joshua, was God. Though the title Commander of the army of the LORD could perhaps apply to an angel (such as Michael, based on a passage like Revelation 12:7), Joshua’s falling down, and worshipping is inconsistent with angels, who never receive worship (Revelation 22:8-9).

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**God is on my Side**

It's rhetorically correct to say that "God is on my side" because God is certainly for us, but it is not theologically correct because we have joined the Lord's side, He did not join our side. Nor could he join our side (our plan or our goals) because to do so would mean relinquishing His own.

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**Man-Centered vs God-Center Gospel**

	Man-Centered	God-Centered
Lives Defined	What we need or want most	What God has planned for us
Core Problem	Money, health, family, loneliness	Our self-centered mindset
Focus	Man's Rights	God's Rights

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**2 Timothy 2:11-13**

11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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***Conflict in our Zeal for Glory***

The righteousness of God is his unwavering zeal for the exaltation of his name or his glory. The pride of man is his unwavering zeal for the exaltation of his own glory. God's zeal for himself is righteousness, man's zeal for himself is sin.

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God loves Himself  
more than He loves you

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God loves Himself  
more than He loves you  
and Covenant with God invites us  
to love God more than  
we love ourselves

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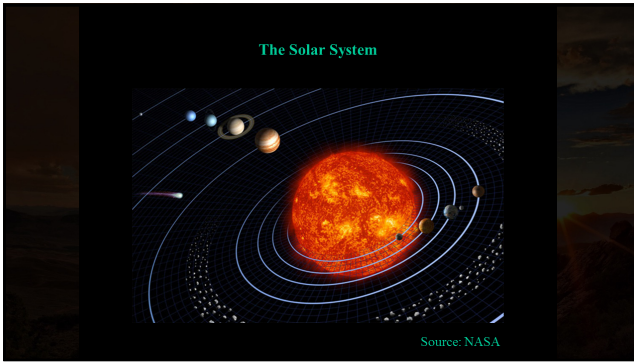
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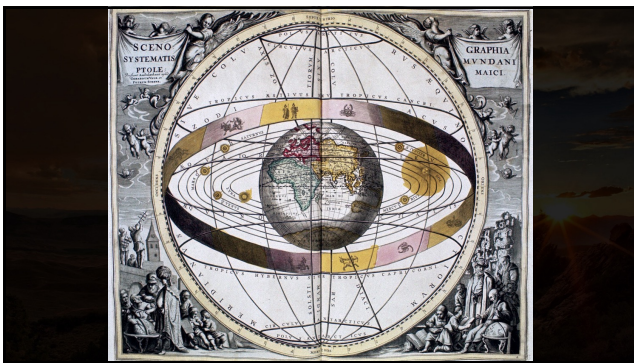
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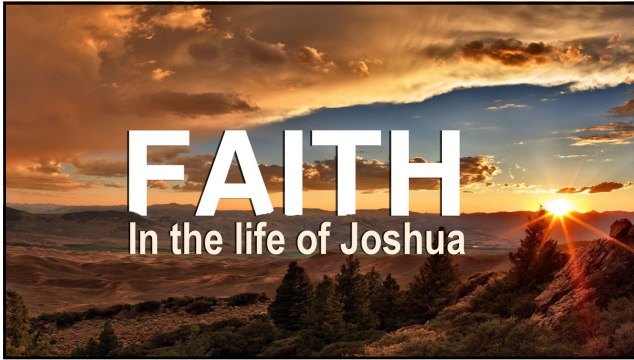
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