

# Joshua Part 3 HANDOUT

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**JOSHUA 4:2-3** <sup>2</sup>“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

- The most powerful word in our journey with God is “Remember”

**KEY:** Future - remembering what God has done in the past

**JOSHUA 4:21-24** <sup>21</sup>He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>22</sup> tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. <sup>24</sup> He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”

- What altars do we need to build - to see how God moved powerfully and never forget.

**JOSHUA 5:2-5** At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” <sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.

<sup>4</sup> Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. <sup>5</sup> All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not.

- God is not worried about the enemy - He is the One doing the fighting

**KEY:** You don’t have to worry about your weakness when God has called you and you’re moving in His strength.

**JOSHUA 5:10-12** On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. <sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

- The Passover is also the time later when Jesus would come into Jerusalem and give His life as the sacrifice for the world.

- New meal - new provision - Christ Jesus is coming

**JOSHUA 5:13-15** Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

<sup>14</sup>“Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”

Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

<sup>15</sup>The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

**KEY:** Spiritual concerns, not military preparations, were to be of first importance to the Israelites

**JOSHUA 6:1-2** Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.

**JOSHUA 6:3-5** March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. <sup>4</sup> Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams’ horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in.”

Greatest weapon we have in our lives is worship

- Worship focuses our hearts and minds on God, the one who overcomes our obstacles.

**KEY:** Worship is a weapon God uses to take down strongholds in our lives.

**JOSHUA 6:20** When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city.

- In our worship, we praise God and fight against the challenges, trials, and strongholds we face.
- Worship is the moment when we hold our lives up to Christ and take away everything that doesn’t look like Jesus.

**LIFE POINT:** We overcome the world by becoming more like Christ and that happens in worship.