

PROMISES & POWER

Preparation for Conflict Message 4

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2. Remember God's _____.
(Joshua 5:10-12. C/R: Exodus 12:24-27; 16:35;
Luke 22:7,14-16,19-20; Philippians 4:19)

► Outline

... "What do you want your servant to do?" **Joshua 5:14b (NLT)**

A. Introduction

(Joshua 5:1; Psalm 105:8-11)

3. Realign with God's _____.
(Joshua 5:13-15. C/R: Proverbs 19:21; John 15:5;
Ephesians 2:10)

B. Preparation for conflict:

(Joshua 5:2-15)

1. Renew _____ with God.
(Joshua 5:2-9. C/R: Genesis 17:7-14; Galatians 6:15;
Colossians 2:11-12; Hebrews 13:6)

Answers: 1. relationship 2. faithfulness 3. purpose

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► Discussion Guide

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Conversation Starter

What events in your life required the most preparation? How did you prepare?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Joshua 5:1-9 and Genesis 17:1-14.

1. What does circumcision signify?
2. How do Romans 2:28-29 and Colossians 2:11-12 help you understand the meaning of circumcision?
3. How did the circumcision of this current generation *roll away the reproach* of Egypt (See Joshua 5:9)? What were the Israelites supposed to learn?

Read Joshua 5:10-12 and Exodus 12.

4. Celebrating the Passover and eating from the land were Israel's final preparations before confronting the Canaanites. Summarize what these events should have accomplished and taught them.
5. Why do you think the ceasing of manna was significant for Israel (Joshua 5:12, see also Deuteronomy 8:2-10)?
6. Describe a time either failure or success helped you face conflict.

Read Joshua 5:13-15.

7. Joshua went near Jericho, possibly to scout out the land one last time. Why do you think God sent a commander of the LORD'S army?

8. The man told Joshua he was standing on holy ground. What did that mean, and why would that have been significant to Joshua? For further insight, read Exodus 3:1-6 and Acts 7:30-38.
9. How do you see God's faithfulness in this passage?
10. What important things has God given you to do this week? What can you do to prepare?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. We hope these will become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

What spiritual practices best prepare your heart to accomplish the work God has given you? Spend time this week renewing your intimacy with God.

Memory Verse

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NLT)

Daily Reading

Day 1: Psalm 105:8-11

Day 4: Exodus 12:24-27

Day 2: Genesis 17:7-14

Day 5: Proverbs 19:21

Day 3: Colossians 2:11-12

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 5, we'll continue the series in Joshua, *Promises and Power*. To prepare, read **Joshua 6**.



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