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Joshua: Strength and Courage

Before We Go

Joshua 5:1-12

Joshua 5 is another delay before Israel claims the promised land. Instead of immediately engaging in battle against the various pagan kings in the land, God instructs Joshua to circumcise the men and then observe the Passover. The people have not met the requirements to claim the land which God Promised them. Before they move forward into the promised land, they must stop to prepare themselves and worship God.

Additional Verses:

Exodus 17:4	Numbers 12:20-23	Psalm 99:5
Romans 2:25-29	Colossians 2:9-15	
Hebrews 10:25, 12:8	Revelation 7:9-12	

Outline:

1. Obedience before movement.
2. Worship before movement.

Study Questions:

1. Why are the men of Israel not qualified to take hold of the covenantal promises? How was circumcision an act of obedient faith?
2. Why is important to obey before we act? How is this order demonstrated in Psalm 90:16-17?
3. Why are believers called to have a circumcised heart? How is this accomplished today?
4. Why is worship important before we act? How does worship create dependence on God in your life?
5. How does the rolling away of reproach in Joshua foreshadow Jesus' atoning work on the cross? How is our approach rolled away?
6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?