

Joshua 5:13-15 (NLT) - When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, “Are you friend or foe?”

¹⁴ “Neither one,” he replied. “I am the commander of the LORD’s army.” At this, Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. “I am at your command,” Joshua said. “What do you want your servant to do?”

¹⁵ The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did as he was told.

Entering the Promise... Finally

Joshua 5:2-12

Friend or Foe?

Joshua 5:13-15

God’s plan is for his purpose, not our pleasure.

A Greater Destiny

Joshua 6

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Study Guide

We spoke on Sunday about how God’s plan is for his purpose, not our pleasure. We spoke about how it is easy for us to miss the point of things, and how we can have pivotal moments where we have our whole world turned upside down by a moment of truth. What is a time when you have experienced that type of revelation? A lesson learned from a parent? A life experience that revealed something to you?

Joshua made a mistake that Israel makes consistently through its history: he takes the fact that God wants to bless Israel and seems to imagine that it is all about that when God’s purpose is far grander. Do you have any times when you have realized that you misunderstood or misinterpreted God’s plan?

Take time to read 2 Corinthians 5. This is what we are called to be a part of. Ambassadors. Participants in the reconciling mission of God. People who get to participate in the amazing story of God’s love for all of humanity.

So, what is it like to be a part of that? When was a time when you felt a part of that mission? Are there any stories you have of times where you felt clearly that you were participating in God’s love story for humanity? Moments of salvation? Restoration? Healing? Deliverance? How might God be asking you to participate in that today?

Pray for opportunities to participate in His plan, because there really is nothing better.