

Submission to the True Commander of God’s People, to the LORD Himself Joshua 05: 13–15

Essential 5 — must submit to the true Commander of God’s people, to the LORD Himself

- a. Joshua’s encounter while alone
near Jericho to plan and pray
 - 1) Looked up, faced a man
with a drawn sword:
Asked if friend or foe
 - 2) Heard man identify himself as
the “captain of the LORD’s host”
- b. Joshua’s response
 - 1) Fell face down
in submission and reverence
 - 2) Asked for a message
from the LORD
- c. The LORD’s message
of assurance:
Take off your sandals —
the promised land is holy
(His land);
therefore victory is assured

- 13 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?”
- 14 “Neither,” he replied,
“but as commander of the army of the LORD
I have now come.”
Then Joshua fell faced-own to the ground
in reverence, and asked him,
“What message does my Lord have
for his servant?”
- 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 so.

Victory Through Faith:
A Faith that Believes God's Word
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***A faith that believes God's Word,
His instructions***

- a. The city of Jericho seemed impossible to conquer
- b. The encouragement and instructions of the LORD to Joshua
 - 1) To know that victory was guaranteed by the LORD
 - 2) To have all the soldiers march around the city once a day for six days
 - 3) To have seven priests march in front of the Ark, each carrying a trumpet made of rams' horns
 - 4) To march seven times on the 7th day, with the trumpets blowing
 - 5) To have all the people give a loud shout when they hear a long blast from the trumpets:
The walls of the city will then collapse
 - 6) To have the soldiers charge straight into the city

- 1 Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.
- 2 Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men.
- 3 March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.
- 4 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.
- 5 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."