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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

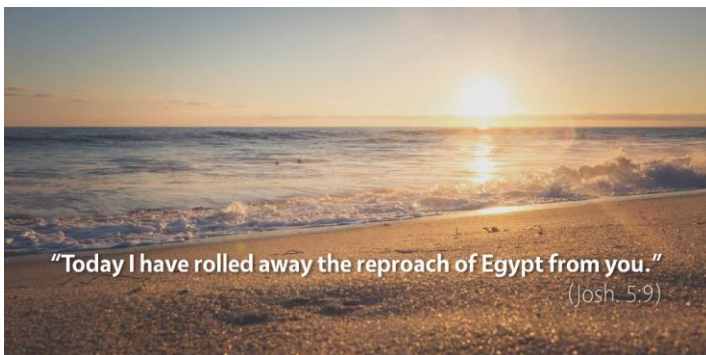
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will look at the 5th Chapter of Joshua. Joshua has led the nation across the Jordan and now prepares them to take the Promise Land. The first thing to do is to adhere to the sign of the covenant which is circumcision. On the western bank of the Jordan, exposed to their enemies, the nation of Israel takes a few days to get right with the Lord. Join us this week as we ask ourselves what we need to do in our own life to make sure we are right with the Lord.



Israel Is Circumcised

5 Now it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who *were* beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who *were* by the sea, heard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the sons of Israel.

² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time." ³ So Joshua made himself flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way after they came out of Egypt. ⁵ For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the sons of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, *that is*, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished because they did not listen to the voice of the LORD, to whom the LORD had sworn that He would not let them see the land which the LORD had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So their children whom He raised up in their place, Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way.

⁸ Now when they had finished circumcising all the nation, they remained in their places in the camp until they recovered. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the shame of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho. ¹¹ Then on the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted *grain*. ¹² And the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year.

¹³ Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, he raised his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" ¹⁴ He said, "No; rather I have come now *as* captain of the army of the LORD." And Joshua fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down, and said to him, "What has my lord to say to his servant?" ¹⁵ And the captain of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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2 Explore His Word (Interpretation) (For Community group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

1. What kept the Canaanites from attacking while Israel was being circumcised?
2. Why were the Canaanites fearful?
3. What is the meaning of circumcision?
4. Why weren't the Israelites already circumcised?
5. Why did the nation spend 40 years before moving into the Promise Land?
6. Why did the mana cease? They were not in control of the land yet.
7. Why did the captain of the army of the Lord not confirm that He was for Joshua?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes