

week five | MESSAGE NOTES

uncharted victory | joshua 5-6

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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?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?"

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.

JOSHUA 5:13-15

01 GOD INVITES US TO SURRENDER.

Do we spend more energy trying to take control of everything or going to the One who controls everything?

02 GOD INVITES US TO FOLLOW HIM.

When we think God is on our side, let's check to make sure that we're on YHWH's side.

03 GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP HIM.

Just like the strategy to cross the river was worship, the strategy to conquer the city is uncharted worship.

04 GOD GIVES US THE VICTORY.

On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! The city and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. *JOSHUA 6:15-17*

God is the cause of the victory; it's obedience that lets Israel experience it.