



Get Ready For Battle!
 Series: *The Venture and Victory of Faith*,
 Book of Joshua (#5)
 Joshua 4:1 – 5:15
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Remember what God has done.

1. Remember His grace.
 (4:1-24; 5:11; see also Exodus 13:3; 14:16-31; Deuteronomy 5:15; 7:17-19; 16:1-3; 24:17-22; Psalm 77:11-12; 105:5; 2 Timothy 2:8)

2. Why? (4:23 – 5:1; see also Deuteronomy 7:17-19; Psalm 106:6-7)

Renew your commitment to God.

1. Israel's circumcision: commitment of obedience.
 (5:2-9; see also Genesis 17:9-14; John 14:23; 15:1-10)

2. Israel's Passover: commitment of worship. (5:10-11; see also Exodus 12:1-36)

Relinquish control to God.

1. He is the Commander.
 (5:13-15; see also Genesis 18:1 ff.; 32:24-30; Exodus 3:1 – 4:17; Numbers 22:31-35)

2. Are you on His side?

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. We are in a constant spiritual battle. Paul described preparation and the battle in Ephesians chapter 6 verses 10-20. Joshua chapters 4 and 5 show us some parts of being ready for the battle through Israel. Read through these two chapters as an overview and review.

Tuesday. Israel was to remember what God had done for them. The memorial stones were a visual reminder of God's miracle enabling them to cross the Jordan River. Passover was remembering God's sparing them from the plague of death in Egypt and setting them free. Why is it important to remember God's grace to us, according to 4:24? What specific acts of God's grace do you remember regularly?

Wednesday. Engaging our spiritual battle calls for a renewed and ongoing commitment to God. For Israel then it was to renew their commitment to the covenant with God through circumcision and to worship by observing Passover (5:2-11). Obedience and worship are essential to victory for us. What is the state of your commitment to obey and worship God?

Thursday. Read Joshua 5:13-15. We noted on Sunday that this was God the Son appearing to Joshua. What was the point of this? Remember, the question is not "Is God on my side?" but "Am I on God's side?" Believers need to relinquish control to God to experience victory. Have you really been, consistently been on God's side this week?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to continue in Joshua with 6:1-27, *The Walls Come Tumbling Down*. Read through these verses as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.