

Our text: Joshua is at the edge of the promised land – about to enter destiny. We need to see what helps us enter destiny.

Joshua 5:13-15 ¹³And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood 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 adversaries?" ¹⁴So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

I. CHOOSING SIDES

A. Our text shows a mistaken approach to serving God

1. I know how things should operate: I'm in charge
 - a. Joshua didn't recognize that he was meeting God: *He was making plans in life without God*
 1. Making plans for our entire lives: plans for our time/money/career – w/out really asking God
 - b. Or his attitude towards God was: Your job is to help me with my plans!
 1. **V13** *And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "Are You for us or for our adversaries?"*
 - a. And if you don't help me/do what I say – then you're an enemy
 2. **Matthew 16:22** *Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"*
 - a. Mad at God when He won't bless our will

B. This is frustrating in life

1. God fights this! God shows up with a sword drawn – to fight!
 - a. If we are simply living doing our own will – God will fight us: Because it's destructive!
2. **It destroys our purpose:** God has plans for you
3. **It destroys other people's lives/souls:** People God has planned for you to get saved/helped
 - a. *What if you don't? What will happen to them?*
4. So God fight us in our self-will: *Dissatisfaction/trouble...so we face God!*

II. MEETING WITH GOD

A. Our text: God shows up and meets with Joshua

1. Not a crowd/general principles – a personal meeting/conversation with God
 - a. That is what we need: To hear from God and face His will for our lives
2. How God meets with us is His business
 - a. In prayer/reading Bible/in a sermon/while driving...God makes His will clear
3. Often meetings with God have to do with calling/purpose
 - a. **Mark 1:17** *Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."*
 1. What is your life purpose? 2. God may have a plan for you that is different than your plan

B. That is the purpose of conference: A place where we can meet with God and hear from Him

1. An atmosphere created -- messages from God FOR YOU!!

III. TAKING OFF YOUR SHOES

A. God makes clear that HE is in charge of our lives!

1. **V14** *So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come."*
 - a. I determine the battle plan of your life; I have rights over your life – family/money/placement

B. Destiny comes through surrender: **V15** *Then the Commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.*

1. I surrender to your plans/strategies/timing/risk – everything!
 - a. **Luke 22:42** *saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."*
2. Every person used of God has points in their lives when they surrendered to God's will
 - a. Abraham/Isaac b. Elisha c. Apostles d. Pastors/missionaries
3. B/C everything is released into our lives by surrender: *Seen immediately in the strategy for Jericho*
 - a. Direction b. Supernatural help
4. You have to come to that point you ask the same question Joshua asked:

a. V14 And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?"

Have you genuinely asked God: What is Your will for my life? Right now and ultimately

This conference week: Are you coming into it with an attitude that says: What do you want to say to me this week?