

# Joshua: Are You Ready For Battle?

*Joshua 4:19-5:15*





**ARE**

**YOU**

**READY?**

**God's people must be prepared before they can  
be trusted with victory**



*Big Idea*

**On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho.**

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*Joshua 4:19*

**And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones  
they had taken out of the Jordan.**



*Joshua 4:20*

**He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ .. tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’”**

*Joshua 4:21-22*

**For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea, when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.**

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*Joshua 4:23*

**He did this so that all the peoples of the earth  
might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful  
and so that you might always fear the Lord your  
God.”**

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*Joshua 4:24*



**Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the Lord had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they<sup>™</sup> had crossed over, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.**

*Joshua 5:1*

**At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” , So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.<sup>[e]</sup>**



*Joshua 5:2-3*

**Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt**

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*Joshua 5:4*

**All the people that came out had been  
circumcised, but all the people born in the  
wilderness during the journey from Egypt had  
not.**

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*Joshua 5:5*

**The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.**

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*Joshua 5:6*

**So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. . And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.**

*Joshua 5:7-8*

**Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal<sup>a</sup> to this day.**

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*Joshua 5:9*

**On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.**

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*Joshua 5:10*



**The day after the Passover, that very day, they  
ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened  
bread and roasted grain.**

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*Joshua 5:11*

**The manna stopped the day after, they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.**

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*Joshua 5:12*

**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?”**



*Joshua 5:13*

**“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<sup>g</sup> have for his servant?”**

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*Joshua 5:14*

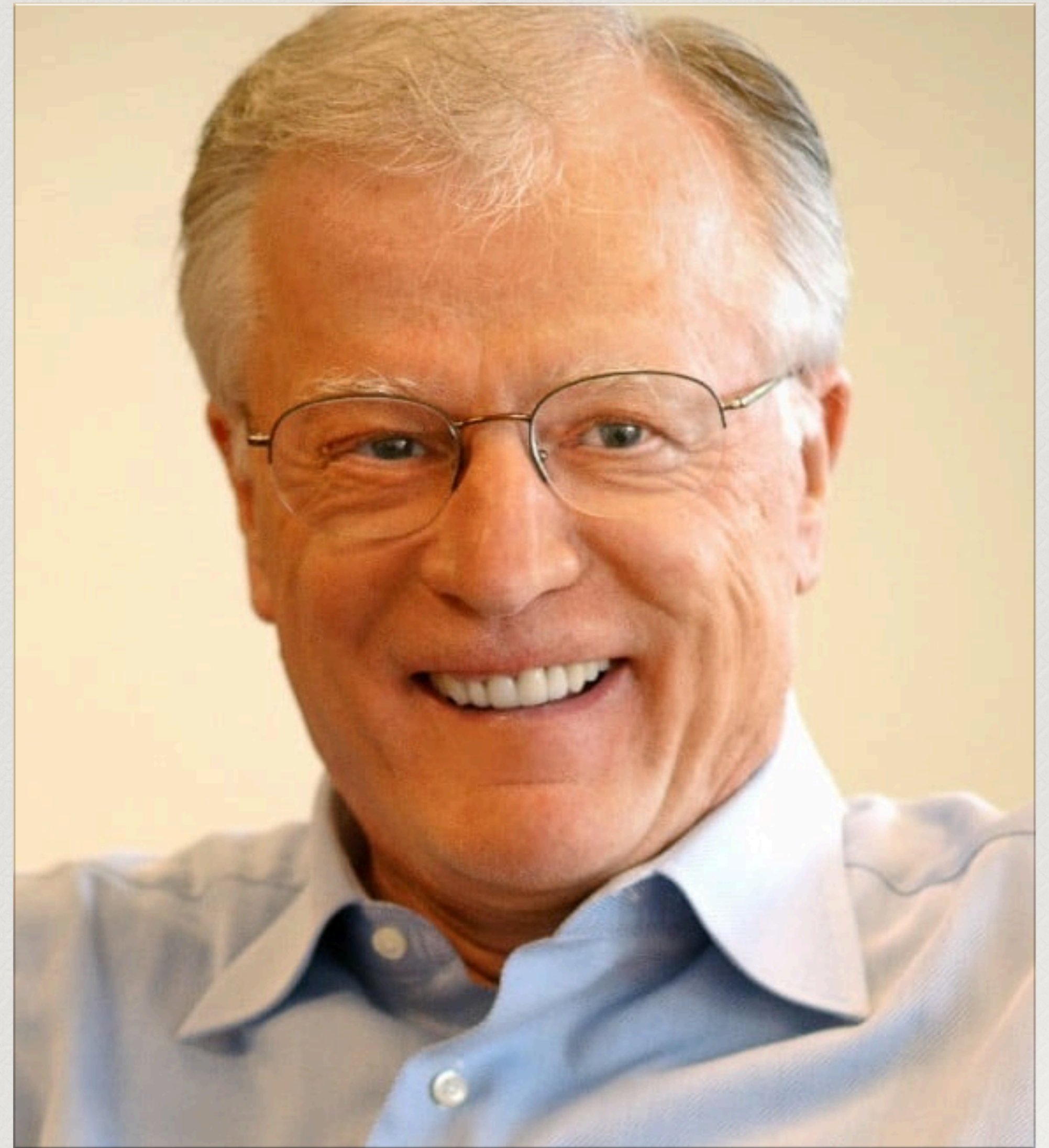
**The commander of the Lord's army replied,  
"Take off your sandals, for the place where you  
are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.**

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*Joshua 5:15*

***“There are battles ahead. We face obstacles that are determined to keep us from being fruitful Christians.”***

*Erwin Lutzer*



**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. .. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!**

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*1 Corinthians 10:11-12*

# The Journey of Discipleship In Joshua

- ✦ *Egypt= the world*
- ✦ *Red Sea= beginning of Christian life*
- ✦ *Desert= struggle*
- ✦ *Jordon= dying to self*





**For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, .. but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. .. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. .. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.**

*1 Peter 1:18-21*

A photograph of three large, brown, triangular pyramids in a desert landscape under a clear blue sky. The pyramids are arranged in a line, with the largest one in the center and two smaller ones on either side. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

So, you wanna go back to Egypt?

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**



*Psalm 34:8*

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's special possession, that you  
may declare the praises of him who called you  
out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

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*1 Peter 2:9*

**We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**



*Hebrews 6:12*

**All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.**

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*Ephesians 1:3*

A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains under a cloudy sky. The mountains are in the lower half of the frame, and the sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, blues, and whites.

# RENEWING THE LORDS COVENANT

*Joshua 5:2-7*

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GREAT  
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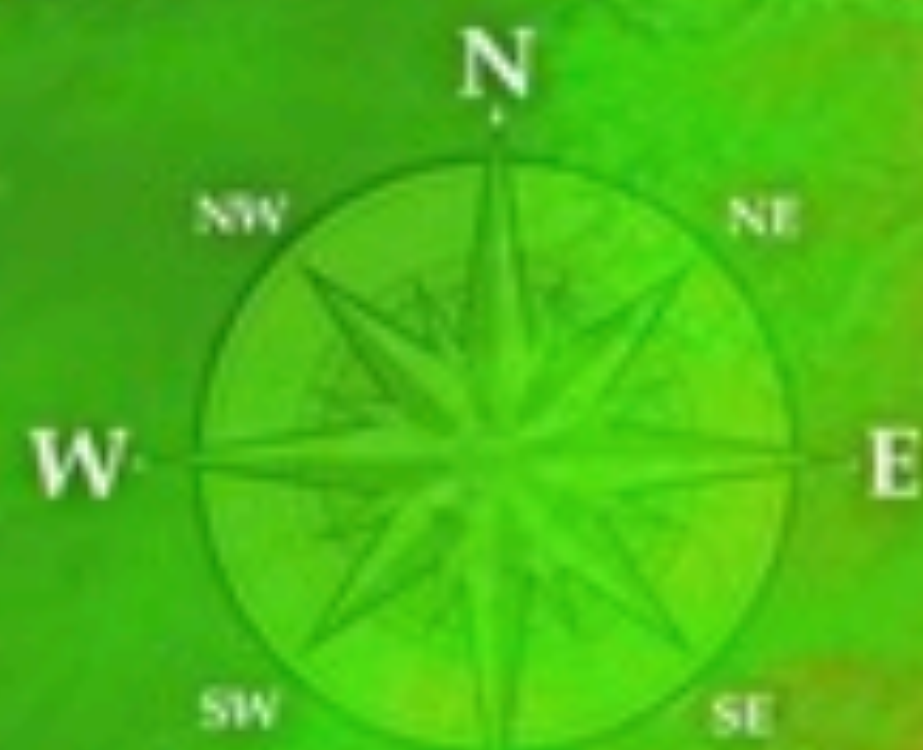
JORDAN RIVER

GILEAD

AMMON

GILGAL ●

JERICHO ●





**Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.**

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*Deuteronomy 10:16*

**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

*1 Peter 2:9*

**We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**



*Hebrews 6:12*

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!**

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*2 Corinthians 5:17*

A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains in the distance under a hazy, yellowish sky. The mountains are dark and silhouetted against the lighter sky. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

# REMEMBERING THE LORDS GOODNESS

*Joshua 5:10-12*

***Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.***

*Ephesians 1:3*

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# REAFFIRMING THE LORDS PRESENCE

*Joshua 5:13-15*

**And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.**

*2 kings 6:17*



**God does not come to take sides; He comes to  
TAKE OVER.**