

Our Great Commission Mission

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Joshua 5:1-12

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A. God calls us to His Mission - He created us for this!

Joshua is part of the continuing story of God's unfolding STORY. See Dt 1:20-46

- **God's plan was to deliver us from bondage to sin (Red Sea) and into our inheritance and God's mission(Jordan)**
- Promises of God unfolded for Old Covenant people for over 400 years, we can rest assured that God will make good on His promises fulfilled in Jesus
 - Old Covenant Failure: God brought people to land Dt 1:21
 - People rebelled - wouldn't go up Dt 1:26
 - Moses encouraged people to remember God's faithfulness; rejected Dt 1:29-32
 - God judged that generation for unbelief: Dt 35-36
 - People attempted on their own and failed Dt 1:43-44
- God will always lead His people and He expects us to follow Him and trust Him

Apply Today: What is our mission that God calls us to today (New Covenant)? Heb 8:7-12 Consider Mt 28:18-20. Examine your life, would God consider you faithful in trusting Him and living in obedience to His call to take God's inheritance?

Have you settled in the land by seeking to live in comfort or are you trusting God and making sure that all of life is lived for God's Gospel purposes (taking the Sword to land)?

B. We are God's Covenant People – live accordingly!

- Our faith lived out in sacraments declares God's faithfulness
 - Previous generation disobedient, failed to circumcise
God is gracious even to those who come from non-covenant keeping homes, they were still covenant people. Liken to believer's circumcision.
 - God gives us New Covenant signs
We should be faithful in faith with the sacraments.
- Living out faith signs required faith
 - signs don't make earthly sense
vulnerability (see Gen 34) in a hostile land - 5:8
 - Sign reminded people who they were
Rolled away reproach of Egypt (being in bondage) so that people were set apart for worship of God (free to serve God). 5:9; Rm 6:6-7.
Study: WLC Q 167 How is our baptism to be improved by us?
- God's people living in faith celebrate God's goodness!
Narrative: TWO signs of the Old Covenant
New Covenant signs: Baptism & Lord's Table
They remind us what GOD HAS DONE and what GOD PROMISES to do - God saves and delivers and brings us into our inheritance. He goes with us and conquers all of His and our enemies. WLC Q 165 - what is Baptism?
- Sacraments remind us that we don't have power to convert ourselves or others - trust God to work, follow Him in faith!
Remember your Great Commission Mission! 2 Cor 3:4-6

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