

Back to the Future
“The Christian Life Portrayed in the History of Israel”
Part 4 - The Battle Begins Joshua 5:13-7:26 (page 149)
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I must be spiritually prepared as I begin to live a new life that will require battling spiritual enemies (3:1-5:12)

Victory is assured as:

- I realize who is in charge (Joshua 5:13-15; Luke 6:46)

This results in my:

- willing submission (v 14b; James 4:6-7)
- humble worship (v 14c,15; Psalm 95:6-7)
- attentive attitude (v 14d; Prov 3:5-6)

- I begin to trust God's methods over my own (6:1-16)

This requires that I:

- believe God's promises
(vs 1-2; John 16:33; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Heb 10:23)
- obey His Word (vs 3-14; Isa 55:8-9; 1 Cor 1:26-29; Zech 4:6)
- experience His victory (vs 15-16; 2 Cor 2:14-16; 1 John 5:3-4)

- I am careful to give God all the glory (6:17-27)

This means that I:

- obey God's commands (vs 17-23; Matt 28:20; John 14:23; Acts 5:29)
- destroy whatever may cause me to compromise my faith
(vs 24-27; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Matt 6:24; 1 John 2:15-17)

- I am vigilant to root sin out of my life
(7:1-26; Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Cor 13:5-6)

This demands that I:

- remain dependent upon God (vs 1-9; James 4:13-17)
- understand my sin can affect many
(vs 10-23; 1 Cor 5:1-13; Heb 12:14-16)
- God does not take sin lightly
(vs 24-26; Acts 5:1-11; Heb 10:26-31; 1 Peter 4:17-18)

Take it in....

Have I come to terms - honestly now - with the reality of WHO is really in charge of my life? Write out some thoughts on what the Lordship of Jesus Christ really means to me in my daily life

Am I trusting God to lead me and instruct me and conquer my “Jerichos”? Is the strategy His or mine? Explain.

Do I give honor to God for the successes He provides in my journey of faith or am I keeping back my obedience from Him and stealing His glory? Give an example of each.

How vigilant am I to examine my own life as a follower of Christ? Do I regularly come before the Lord and ask Him to expose and help me to root out sin in my life?

If God takes my sin seriously, what attitude should I have about it? What action does that require from me?