

Series: STRONG: Four Forgotten Truths about God's People from the Book of Joshua; Sermon: **You're in a Battle**
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Bible text explored: Joshua 5:13-15

¹³When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" ¹⁴And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" ¹⁵And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. [ESV]

Review and application:

1. Once they had miraculously crossed the Jordan River at flood stage, what steps helped the people of Israel (*Josh. 5:2 and 10*) restore their covenant status with God?
2. On the eve of the key attack on fortified Jericho (*v. 13*), Joshua encountered and boldly approached a battle-ready man. Why did his challenging question prove inadequate?
Who (*v. 14a*) does the stranger say he is?
What has he just arrived to do?
3. Why is deciding if others are on *our* side a wrong relational approach?
Whose side is it essential that *we* be on?
4. HWhat did Joshua do (*v. 14b*) when he grasped the man's identity?
Why was asking for orders the right question?
Have you asked God for his directions for your life?
5. How (*v. 15*) did this encounter resemble Moses' burning bush encounter? (See *Exod. 3:5*.)
What assurance would following God's orders yield?
(See *Matt. 26:53, Rev. 17:14; 19:11, 15*.)
6. The Commander gave surprising instructions (*Josh. 6:2-5*) for the conquest of Jericho. But when was the outcome of the battle determined?
Has the battle for your soul been settled?
7. How are you contributing to God's call for us to make disciples?