



The Victory of Faithful Obedience

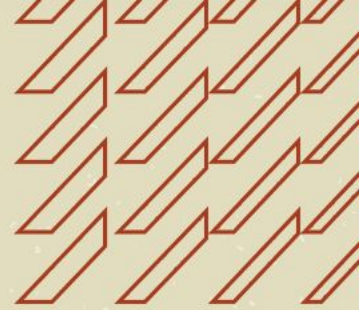
Joshua 5–6



How has God used your faithful obedience?

**Christ has shown us faithful obedience
and blesses our faithful obedience
to accomplish his good and perfect will.**

Joshua 5

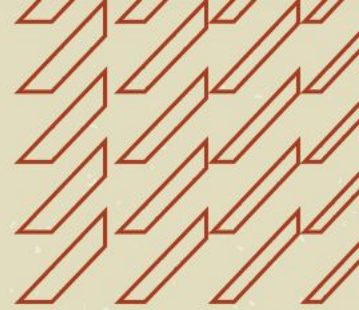


6 For the Israelites wandered in the wilderness forty years until all the nation's men of war who came out of Egypt had died off because they did not obey the Lord. So the Lord vowed never to let them see the land he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 He raised up their sons in their place; it was these Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised, since they had not been circumcised along the way.

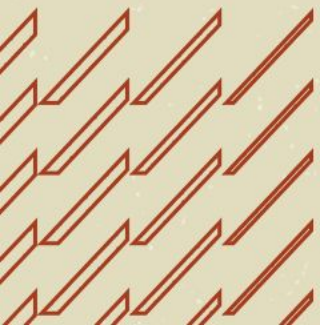


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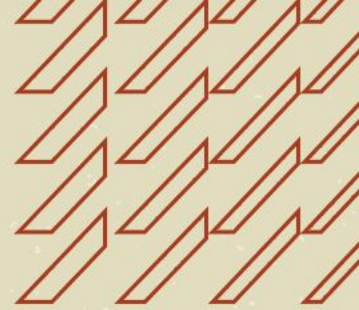


8 After the entire nation had been circumcised, they stayed where they were in the camp until they recovered.

9 The Lord then said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt from you." Therefore, that place is still called Gilgal today.



Joshua 5



10 While the Israelites camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month.

11 The day after Passover they ate unleavened bread and roasted grain from the produce of the land. 12 And the day after they ate from the produce of the land, the manna ceased. Since there was no more manna for the Israelites, they ate from the crops of the land of Canaan that year.



Joshua 5

13 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 approached him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied. "I have now come as commander of the Lord's army." Then Joshua bowed with his face to the ground in homage and asked him, "What does my lord want to say to his servant?"

15 The commander of the Lord's army said to Joshua, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did that.

Joshua 6

1 Now Jericho was strongly fortified because of the Israelites—no one leaving or entering.

2 The Lord said to Joshua, “Look, I have handed Jericho, its king, and its best soldiers over to you.

Joshua 6

3 March around the city with all the men of war, circling the city one time. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry seven ram's-horn trumpets in front of the ark. But on the seventh day, march around the city seven times, while the priests blow the rams' horns. 5 When there is a prolonged blast of the horn and you hear its sound, have all the troops give a mighty shout. Then the city wall will collapse, and the troops will advance, each man straight ahead."

Joshua 6

15 Early on the seventh day, they started at dawn and marched around the city seven times in the same way. That was the only day they marched around the city seven times.

16 After the seventh time, the priests blew the rams' horns, and Joshua said to the troops, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city."

Joshua 6

20 So the troops shouted, and the rams' horns sounded. When they heard the blast of the trumpets, the troops gave a great shout, and the wall collapsed. The troops advanced into the city, each man straight ahead, and they captured the city.

21 They completely destroyed everything in the city with the sword—every man and woman, both young and old, and every ox, sheep, and donkey.

Joshua 6

24 They burned the city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord's house.

25 However, Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, her father's family, and all who belonged to her, because she hid the messengers Joshua had sent to spy on Jericho, and she still lives in Israel today.

Hebrews 11

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after being marched around by the Israelites for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the prostitute welcomed the spies in peace and didn't perish with those who disobeyed.