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STEPPING INTO OUR FUTURE
GOD'S PLAN, GOD'S WAY | JOSHUA 5
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We are One people, serving One God, with One mission, awaiting One glorious future.

Faith calls us to follow God wherever He is leading.

How do we know if we are successful?

Biblical success is following God's plan, God's way.

Success is determined by our dependence on God.

Aligned with God

When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. - Joshua 5:8-9

Reliant on God

While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. - Joshua 5:10-12

Surrendered to God

When 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?" And 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?" And 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. - Joshua 5:13-15

Following God's plan, God's way.

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Joshua 6

- Israel is aligned with and reliant on God.
- Israel obeys God.
- Israel trusts God.
- God provides.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. - Hebrews 11:30-31

Following God's plan, our way

Joshua 7

- Israel is not aligned with God.
- Israel is not reliant on God.
- Israel is defeated.
- Israel repents and realigns.
- God redeems and provides victory.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:1-2

We will find success every day as we are fully dependent on God.