



Courage to Lead
(Joshua 5:1-15)

Main Idea: We are called to courageously fulfill the roles God has selected for us.

Connect: What is your favorite holiday tradition? What makes it so special to you?

Discuss

1. What insight, or principal from this sermon did you find to be most helpful or troubling? Explain
2. Joshua was commanded to circumcise all the Israelite males, marking them physically as belonging to God (v. 1-9)
 - Circumcision was an outward sign of a covenant relationship with God. The Israelites were asked to renew their covenant with God before claiming the land he had promised to give him. Why was God requiring them to be circumcised at this point in their journey?
 - Was there a time in your life when God perfectly timed something to show his powerful command of a situation? If so, please share.
 - Have you ever found yourself needing to renew your relationship with God? How did you accomplish this?
3. After being circumcised, the Israelites celebrated Passover (v. 10-12)
 - Passover was a celebration of God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. God was asking them to remember his faithfulness, his power, and his ability to save them from certain death. How was this situation similar to the experience the Israelites had on the original Passover?
 - After they celebrated Passover, God stopped providing manna from Heaven and instead expected the Israelites to "eat from the crops of the land." How do you think they felt when he stopped providing manna? How would this have changed their daily life?
 - Has God ever led you to a place in your journey where you needed to take a step toward spiritual maturity? What did you learn from this step?
4. After renewing his covenant, cleansing the Israelites, and reminding them of his faithfulness, Joshua encounters the Commander of the Lord's Army (v.13-15)
 - God was revealed his heavenly and holy presence to Joshua. How do you think this encounter influenced Joshua's mindset before entering battle?
 - Respect for God is just as important today as it was in Joshua's time. How do you show respect to God?

Live it Out

- If God is asking you to take a step toward spiritual maturity, what is one tangible thing you can do to move forward?
- Before taking on a battle in your life; go before God first in worship to hear from Him of how to conquer it!