



USEFUL TO THE LORD

“Doing God’s Work God’s Way”

Joshua 5:1-15
PART 6

INTRODUCTION

- doing *something, anything* for the Lord

“It is not enough to do God’s work; it must be done in His way and for His credit.”
– *Erwin Lutzer*

“God’s work done in man’s ways and in man’s time may appear to succeed, but will ultimately fail. God’s work done in God’s ways and in God’s time may appear to fail, but ultimately will succeed.”
– *Francis Schaeffer*

- counsel from West Point grads to Joshua:

1. The surgery: circumcision

- signs given by God

Lk. 2:12; Gen. 9:12-16
Gen. 17:9-14

- God’s requirement of the sign of circumcision

Ex. 4:24-26; 12:43-48

- two aspects of circumcision

Deut. 10:16-21; 30:6

2. The celebration: Passover

- Passover parallels

1 Cor. 5:7

- purpose: remember God’s past deeds & promises

3. The surreal encounter

- sizing up this other warrior

- identity of this warrior

+ a “host”

Lk. 2:13; 2 Ki. 6:8ff

+ a “Christophany”

- the right question for Joshua to ask

CONCLUSION