

# ***He Got Us OUT to Get Us IN***

## ***A Study in Joshua***

### Chapter 5: PREPARING TO LIVE

1. Why is it so dangerous to trust our own “instincts” (Jer. 17:9; Prov. 14:12)?
2. Why is it so easy to trust our own “instincts” rather than flinch to God’s Word and prayer? Review Proverbs 3:5-6; 4:23; 16:25; 26:1-12; 28:26 plus 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
3. In light of Joshua 5:1, it ***seemed*** like the best time to attack was right away, why did God want them to wait and be circumcised?
4. Why was circumcision so important to God? [Genesis 17:8-14; Deuteronomy 30:5-6]
  - a. What is the application for us today? [Romans 2:28-29; 8:13; Colossians 2:9-14]
5. Why was it so important to God to take the time to have His people deal with their past as they moved forward into their future? [see Exodus 19:5 & John 14:23]
  - a. How, if at all, does this relate to Paul’s statement in Philippians 3:13-14?
  - b. Read Revelation 2:4-5 and answer the following points related to restoration:
    - i. REMEMBER – How had God’s people fallen short in Joshua 5:5-7? What had they failed to do?
    - ii. REPENT – What happened in Joshua 5:4, 8-9? How did they demonstrate repentance?
    - iii. RENEW – What are they celebrating in verse 10? What has been renewed?
  - c. What areas in your life need some “restoration”? Take some time to REMEMBER, REPENT, and the make a plan to RENEW what has been lost. [Rev 2:4-5]

6. Failing to fully understand and live in the grace of God can have a negative impact on how we live out our faith? Read Psalm 51 and Ephesians 2:8-10 and summarize what God's grace means to you.
  - a. Another way to look at this is "we will live consistent with who we perceive ourselves to be". Now read Isaiah 1:18, 43:1-7; 44:22; John 15:15; 2 Cor 5:17; Eph 4:20-24; I John 3:1-3. As followers of Jesus, what does the Bible say about who we are in Christ? How should this impact our daily life?
7. Re-read Philippians 3:13-14 in light of what you have studied here. How does Paul's statement impact your ability to be on mission? Does dwelling on past sin, shortcoming and failures hinder your effectiveness? Remember the grace of our Lord!
8. Israel was challenged by God to not compromise or settle for 'good' versus His 'best' by returning to the sign of circumcision as a reminder of their covenant relationship with Him. How would you practically apply 1 Thessalonians 4:1, 9-10 in light of pursuing God's 'best' in your life?
9. God clearly demonstrates His desire to move the nation of Israel into the land of promise which for us represents the fullness of the life He has intended for us (John 10:10). The combination of calling for their obedience in circumcision and then trusting that He would protect them while so vulnerable demonstrates that they were "resting" in Him. How would you apply the following verses that reinforce "being still and knowing He is God": Isaiah 26:12; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:24? Does this mean inactivity?
10. Review John 6:28-35 in light of Joshua 5:10-12; how is Jesus our "bread of life"?