



Joshua 5:13-6:27

God's Way is Best

- I. God's way is best so _____ Him (Joshua 5:13-15).
- II. God's way is best so _____ it (Joshua 6:1-27).
 - A. Following God's way requires _____ (Joshua 6:3).
 - B. Following God's way requires _____ (Joshua 5:3-4).
 - C. Following God's way requires _____ (Joshua 6:10).
 - D. Following God's way may seem _____ (Joshua 6:17-24).
- III. God's way is best and the _____ speak for themselves (Joshua 6:20-21).

Additional Notes:



Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. "The walls of Jericho had a stone retaining wall about 15 feet high & on top of that was a mud brick wall about 25 feet above that, so the walls were roughly 40 feet in height & about 6 feet thick." That's about the height of a three or four story building. Try to visualize the size of this wall. What difficulties would this present to the Israelite attack? If you were with Joshua, what would you have advised? What would your reaction be when Joshua came back with God's plan?
2. Have you ever heard of a "theophany" before? What is a theophany? Can you think of others in Scripture beside the one in Joshua 5?
3. Read Joshua 5:14. Compare this with Revelation 22:8-9. What does this reveal about the person appearing to Joshua?
4. Have you ever experienced a time when you thought you were doing God's will, but later realized that maybe you had only asked God to bless *your will*? Share with the group what you learned.
5. Share how you have learned to seek God's will & join it. Consider what the Bible says about knowing God's will. (If time permits, look up James 1:5; Proverbs 4:18; Romans 12:2; Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:18).
6. If we need to follow God's way, what does that require of us? What else does the Bible offer to encourage our *faith* when we are struggling to follow God's will? What does the Bible say about patience? How can we develop patience?
7. Read Hebrews 12:1-13. What is divine discipline? How is discipline related to (or different from) punishment? What is the relationship between discipline and discipleship? Read 1 Timothy 4:7 and 2 Timothy 1:7. What do these verses teach us about *our* responsibilities in following God's will?

8. Why might God's plan for Jericho have seemed foolish or at least economically inefficient? When might God's will for us seem *economically inefficient*?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. What does this teach about giving? Share how you have struggled or what has helped you in regard to giving? Encourage each other & pray for each other to excel this grace of giving.
10. How did God's plan turn out practically for Joshua & the Israelites?
11. When do you struggle to follow God's will? How can the other members of your group encourage you? Spend time together praying that God would enable you to follow God's will.
12. "When the wall fell, only the part in which Rahab lived remained standing." In light of that, what is the relationship between faith and obedience?