



**WASHED IN THE WORD**  
BIBLICAL MATURATION THROUGH BIBLICAL SATURATION

## Joshua 5:1-12

### God's Sovereignty in Our Journey of Faith

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- I. God's sovereignty does not negate our responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 5:2-8).
- II. God is sovereign over our \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 5:1).
- III. God is sovereign over His \_\_\_\_\_ to us & \_\_\_\_\_ for us (Joshua 5:9).
- IV. God is sovereign over His \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 5:10-12).
- V. God is sovereign over our \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 5:2, 11-12).

#### **Additional Notes:**



## Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

### Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. Define "sovereignty." How does a strong view of God's sovereignty comfort us? What challenges or undermines your view of God's sovereignty? What do we learn about God's sovereignty from this passage?
2. If you were a military commander advising Joshua, what would you have suggested as soon as the Israelites crossed the Jordan? How does this contrast with God's plan? Why is God's plan so surprising?
3. Read Ephesians 2:10. What does this teach about our responsibility regarding God's sovereignty?
4. Read Hebrews 11:6. What does this teach about our responsibility considering God's sovereignty?
5. How does our faith respond to God's sovereignty? When do you struggle with faith or obedience? How can others in your group support you by encouraging you, praying for you or helping you be accountable in this?
6. What did circumcision represent? How did it contrast with the Canaanite religion? Why did obedience in circumcision at that particular moment require such faith? How does your faith challenge the expectations & priorities of your culture? How can others in your group support you in being strong & courageous in this?
7. "They realized that God's sovereignty does not negate our responsibility **to faith & obedience** even when it requires significant sacrifice." When have you had to make sacrifices for your faith in obedience? What encouraged you in those circumstances? What doubts or challenges did you face?
8. How does God demonstrate His sovereignty over Israel's enemies in our passage? How does God demonstrate His sovereignty over our enemies (spiritual & physical)?

9. What do the names "Gibeath Haaraloth" and "Gilgal" mean? What do they represent? Why might God's naming of these places represent? How might they be a reminder (hint: think about Lesson #3)?
10. "Friends, God is sovereign over His *promises to us* & *purposes for us*." What are some of the promises that God fulfilled so far in Joshua? What are some promises that God has fulfilled in salvation? What are some promises that God has fulfilled in your life? What are some promises that you may struggle to believe or have not yet seen fulfilled? Read Philippians 1:6. How does this encourage you?
11. Why might it be difficult to believe that God is sovereign in His timing? What can encourage us when God's timing is not what we expect? Are you facing circumstances where God has not acted in the time you expected? How can others encourage you in this situation?
12. Compare Joshua 5:10 with 4:19. Why is this timing important?
13. How does the use of *flint* knives instead of bronze knives demonstrate God's sovereignty over our needs?
14. Read Joshua 5:11-12. How does this demonstrate God's sovereignty?
15. How did God provide food in Egypt? In the wilderness? In the promised land (compare Deuteronomy 6:11)? For you (if time permits, compare Ephesians 4:28, 2 Thessalonians 3:12, 1 Timothy 5:8)? Spend some time together thanking the Lord for His consistent provision in your life. Share a testimony of God's faithfulness in sovereign provision for you or your family.