

Sermon Based Discussion Questions

**The Battles We Face**

Joshua 5:13-6:25

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1. Keith Hinz shared how he heard a voice in the car with him. Have you ever experienced anything like that, or somehow seeing or hearing something from the “unseen world”?
2. Jeremy suggested that the man Joshua encounters in Joshua 5:13-6:25 is Jesus. Here is a quote from Charles Ryrie regarding appearances of Jesus in the Old Testament: “...the Angel of Yahweh is a Christophany, a preincarnate appearance of Christ. The Angel spoke as God, identified Himself with God, and exercised the prerogatives of God (Gen. 16:7–12; 21:17–18; 22:11–18; Exod. 3:2; Judg. 2:1–4; 5:23; 6:11–24; 13:3–22; 2 Sam. 24:16; Zech. 1:12; 3:1; 12:8). Appearances of the Angel ceased after the incarnation of Christ, which supports conclusions that He was the preincarnate Christ.”<sup>1</sup>
  - a. So what—what difference does that make? All Scripture is profitable to train us for godly service (2 Tim. 3:16-17). So, how might the knowledge that Jesus revealed Himself in the Old Testament have a godly impact on us?
3. Read Proverbs 21:31 and 1 Corinthians 15:57. What do they tell us about the battles we face?
4. Jeremy said, in the battles we are in, Jesus wants to guide us (like He gave guidance to the Israelites (Joshua 6:3-5)). Does Jesus guide us mostly by outlining our morality in any given struggle, by offering wisdom, or my whispering into our hearts (like that still small voice, cf. 1 Kings 19:11-13)? How do you seek God’s guidance?
5. To see Jesus actively engaged in the battles we face, Jeremy pulled out of the passage in Joshua, five things we must do. Of those five which one are you drawn to the most—feeling like you can do it pretty well, and which one do you think you struggle with the most? Why do you pick those two?
6. What does it take to create an environment in our HDG where we can be open, honest, and fellow soldiers/warriors with each other in our struggles?
7. The battles are real—we all face them. So, are you facing any battles right now? How can others in the HDG support you?

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<sup>1</sup> Ryrie, C. C. (1999). *Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth* (p. 149). Chicago, IL: Moody Press.