

Standing on Holy Ground

Joshua 5:13-15; Matt 26:47-54

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As with Moses, so with Joshua



**Ex 3:2-5 Moses'
Encounter with the LORD
in the Burning Bush**

**Josh 5:13-15
Joshua's
Encounter
with the
Commander
of the LORD's
Army**



A. God allows us to experience setbacks, weakness and deprivation because He has a greater plan for us

Passover... No more manna... Circumcision

Jesus' betrayal, arrest, torture and death was not because God was powerless, but because God had a greater salvation plan



Matthew 26:52-54

Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ **Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?** ⁵⁴ **But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”**

**Be not discouraged or shaken
when we experience weakness or
encounter setback, but continue
trusting and growing stronger in
Him while watching and waiting for
His higher purpose to unfold.**

B. God reminds us that He is sovereign over us as our Creator and Redeemer

Not our equal partner...

Not an indulgent father who spoils His children...

Not a god who transacts favours for our acts of service...

He is God Almighty who blesses and welcomes us to be His, on His terms, at His expense, for His glory.

Let us draw near to God in trust and intimacy, while honouring and submitting to His sovereignty over us

C. God desires our deeper devotion to Him

Devotion before duty...

Communion more than performance...

Taking off our sandals...

**Let us order our lives and ministry by
placing *being before doing*, and
serving in close attention, communion
and submission to the Lord.**