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Series: "Joshua: God is Faithful"

Title: "As Good as His Word"

Text: Joshua 5:1-12

Throughout Joshua we have seen the Lord remind His people of His Law, His mighty acts on their behalf, and the signs and ordinances which He commanded as remembrances of His gracious promise to them. In Joshua 5:1-12, God once again reminds them of their distinct standing before Him as He prepares them a table in the presence of their enemies.

I. The Lord is Faithful to His _____, *verses 1-6*

II. The Lord is Faithful to His _____, *verses 2-9*

III. The Lord is Faithful to His _____, *verses 9-12*



Challenge your kiddos to a race. Tell them that you want them to win SO you are going to make them carry a something heavy while they race. Ask them, "Does this seem unproductive?" Why would God often stick his people in positions that they couldn't possibly win in or in odds they couldn't possibly overcome? This is much like Israel's situation in Joshua 5.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10. Ask your kids, "Why is it kind of God to make us go through difficult seasons?" What would our temptation be if we were strong enough or wise enough or talented enough to fulfill the mission of the Church? How might different hardships or setbacks be "severe mercies?"

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT, STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. Read 1 Peter 4:1-6. Who are “the Gentiles” in this passage? Why might Peter use the word “flood” in verse 4 (see the parallel in 1 Pet. 3:20-21)? If we read this passage in light of Joshua 5:1-12, how might we have hope for our future? Why might the Gentiles slander us?

2. Do a contemplative reading of Psalm 106 (A contemplative reading of Scripture means choosing one person in your group to read the text. Pause for a solid minute of silence to reflect on the text. Then have another person read the text. Pause for another minute of silent reflection upon the character of God displayed in the text. Read the text a final time. Then pause for another minute to reflect on how we might respond to God’s character). Why did God remind His faithful character so many times in their history? What are ways that we should do this in our church? What are ways that we should do this in our homes?

3. Read Hebrews 4. God’s People have always been promised a land, and rest, and God’s presence among them. How do we see that promise after Christ’s death and resurrection? How does that translate into our circumstances today when we see the ongoing decline of religious liberty? How can we encourage one another in these things?

NEXT WEEK: Joshua 5:13-15

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