

# Sermon Study

January 14, 2018

Victory Source  
Joshua 5:13-15

## vision

Eastview  
Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



**AUTHOR'S NOTE** (summary of key points for this study)  
*We don't know what Joshua was doing the night before leading his initial charge into the land of promise. Perhaps he was praying. Maybe he was reflecting on his journey. He may have been simply clearing his mind and focusing on the task at hand. What we do know is that on the night before his most important battle, God appeared to him in the form of the commander of the Lord's army. And instead of giving him last minute military strategy, he turns this into a worship opportunity. In the same way, we need to focus on the worship of Jesus, the one who has conquered on our behalf. Without him, we simply do not overcome.*

## Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. How do you put together "battle plans" for overcoming obstacles in your life?

-Did you make any resolutions for 2018?

-If you did, what is your success rate so far?

2. When you are entering a difficult conversation/event, how do you summon your strength

-Does worship play a role in your preparation?

**Go**  
(your group on mission)

How might your group engage in a time of public worship together outside of church – demonstrating that we are dwelling on holy ground?

**Grow** (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Joshua 5:13-15

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand.

Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

14 “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.” Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

15 The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

1. Read Joshua 5:13-15 out loud. What does the text communicate about the character of God?

2. God’s dominion is over all of the heavens and the earth.

-How does it feel to know we are upon holy ground?

3. What specific holy ground has God shown to you? – Your marriage/family? Your body as His dwelling place? Your place of work?

-God desires to be present in all of these areas (and more), making them holy ground. In what ways do those areas of your life reflect holiness and in what ways are you convicted to asking Jesus to help you create holiness?

4. Discuss how Jesus works in our lives to create holiness and cause us to overcome.

a. Who does the work?

b. What is our part?

c. Where do we start when we are “stuck?”

d. What role does worship play in overcoming anything that comes against us?

**Give**  
(your group serving each other)

Consider group members or others you know who are facing war – physically, emotionally, or spiritually. How might you support them through acknowledgment of who God is in each situation?

Consider writing thank you notes to those who (in any number of ways) lead you in acts of worship.