

Sermon Title:
"Is Jesus on Your Side?"
Joshua 5:13-15

INTRODUCTION:

I. When We Face Problems, We Ask "Is God on My Side?"

A. Joshua's problem: Jericho was "tightly shut up!" 6:1

B. Joshua's problem: "What am I going to do?"

1. Jericho was probably the oldest city in Palestine.
2. Archaeologists believe it was established in 8000 BC.
3. It had natural springs inside the city and the people grew their produce inside the city walls.
4. The people of Jericho knew then that they could withstand any siege.

II. When We Face Problems, God Asks "Are You on My Side?"

A. Our question: "are you for us or for our enemies?"

B. God's answer: "neither!"

C. How do we know if we are on God's side?

1. What was God's mission in Joshua's day?

2. What is always God's mission?

a). God is a God of great mercy. His mercy endures forever towards those who fear him.

b). How was Jericho strategic to God's mission?

D. God's challenge: "remove your shoes!"

1. How does God know we are on his side?

a). He knows when we see Him in his power.

b). He knows when we fall down before Him and worship.

2. What happens when we remove our shoes?

a). God encourages Joshua by letting him know that his experience will be like Moses'.

b). God encourages him by assuring him "I have given Jericho into your hand!" 6:2

CONCLUSION: