

God's Terrible and Perfect Timing in Building your Faith
Reconstructing Faith - Old Testament Style – Joshua 5 – Part 1

40 years earlier, Israel deconstructed their faith and failed to enter the Promised Land. Now they had a second chance! How does God reconstruct their faith?

The enemy is _____. Joshua 5:1
Jesus informs us (John 16:33) “I have _____ the world”.

A terrible time to cross the Jordan. It is _____. Joshua 3:15!

A perfect time to cross the Jordan. To show God's _____.

A terrible time to _____ the army between Jericho and the flooded Jordan.

A perfect time to teach _____.

The physical mark of the Israelite. The spiritual marks of the Christian.
Colossian 2:11, Ephesians 1:13, John 1:12

Wandering outside the Promised Land. If you can't lose your salvation, what can you lose?

Reproaches against God's People

Israel deconstructs their faith on the verge of going into the Promised Land. As God's people, they disobey through unbelief in His character and Promises!

See Numbers 13 and 14 and Hebrews 3:7- 4:11. What is the key warning to believers in the Hebrews passage? Did God still care for the Israelites while they were wandering in the wilderness.

Israel, instead of being in the Promised Land, wandered in the wilderness. Numbers 14 – Joshua 5.

Leaving Egypt was a picture of Justification/Salvation. Going into the Promised Land is a picture of Sanctification and enjoying life with God now.

Circumcision and its significance. Genesis 17:1-14. It was a sign of the Covenant that God made with Abraham and his descendants. The Jews began to trust in the sign of the Covenant and not the God of the Covenant! Romans 2:24-29. Also, even Moses made it clear that circumcision was not to just be an external rite, but that it was to be part of a right relationship with God. Deuteronomy 10:16