

# THE COMMANDER OF THE LORD'S ARMY

Joshua 5:13-15

## MESSAGE RECAP

In this week's message from the series "Before Bethlehem," we explored Joshua's encounter with "The commander of the Lord's Army before the battle of Jericho. Joshua, on the brink of his greatest battle, meets a warrior figure, not taking sides but standing as a true reminder. Joshua bows in reverence as he realizes he's in the presence of the divine. This encounter reveals Jesus as the ultimate warrior. The one who came at Christmas to remind us he was going to fight a spiritual battle for his people.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read through Joshua Chapter 5 and talk through any observations.
2. What significance do you see in Joshua's initial question, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" How does that question resonate with our perceptions of aligning sides in conflicts?
3. Reflect on a time when you faced a significant battle in your life – how did you approach it, and did you seek God or even encounter God's presence during that time?
4. How does the idea that Jesus is not merely a peaceful figure, but also a warrior, influence your understanding of his role in the spiritual battles we face today and in the future? Read Revelation 19:11-16
5. The encounter between Joshua and the Commander of the Lord's Army shifted from a showdown to a worshipful moment. How might acknowledging God's authority impact our approach to conflicts or challenges?
6. Consider the concept of wielding the "Sword of the Spirit" as mentioned in Ephesians 5:17. How does utilizing the Word of God act as a powerful offensive tool in the battles we face in life? Name some verses you like to use in your battle moments. As a group, talk through topics you might need a verse for and then start looking up verses that match that topic.

## PRAY

*End your group time in prayer.*