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sermon

Phil 3: 12-13 (NLT)

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

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Phil 3: 12-13 (NLT)

¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.

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Josh 5: 1-3 (NIV)

¹ Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over,

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Josh 5: 1-3 (NIV)

their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

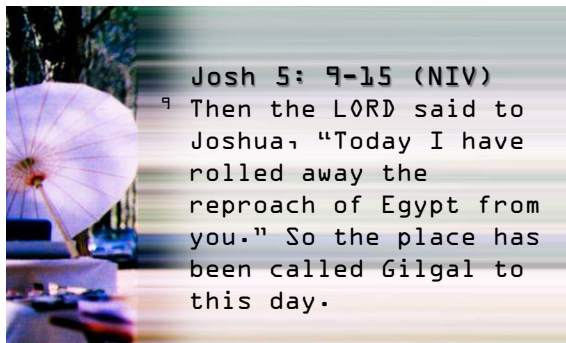
² At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again."

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Josh 5: 1-3 (NIV)

³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.

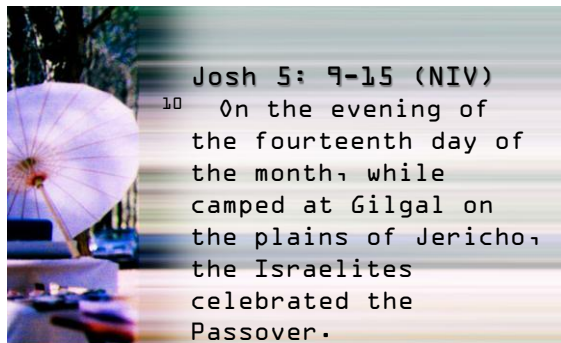
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

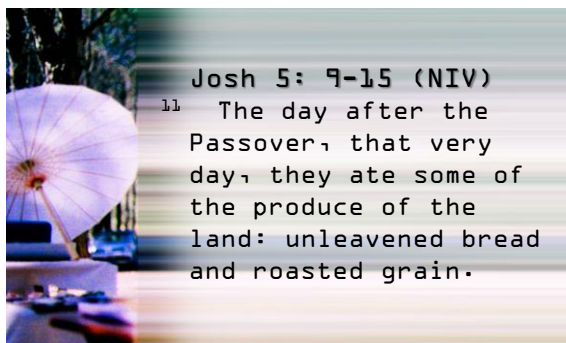
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

¹⁰ On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.

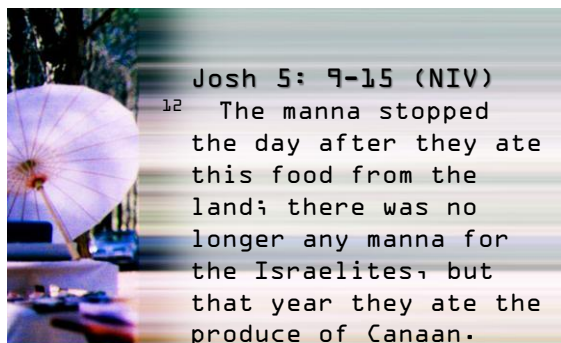
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

¹¹ The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain.

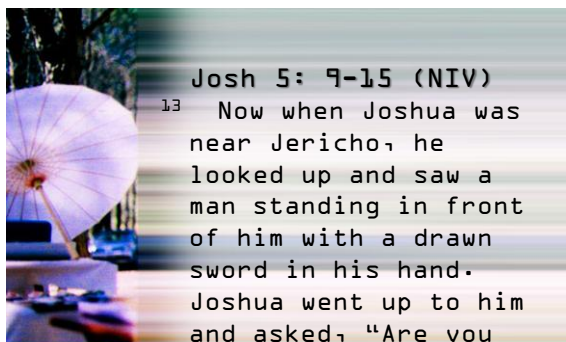
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

¹² The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

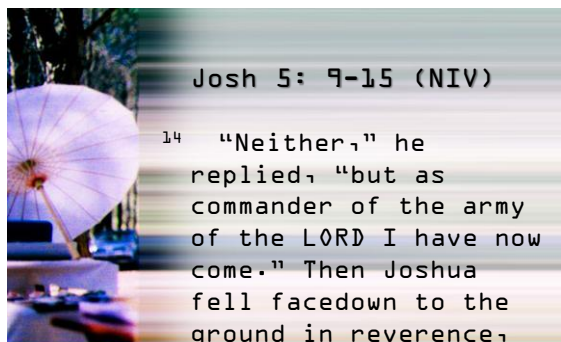
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

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?"

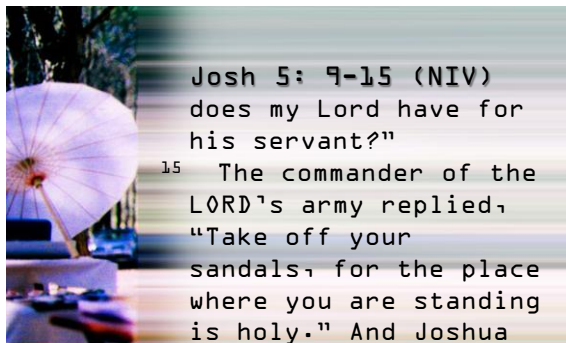
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

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"

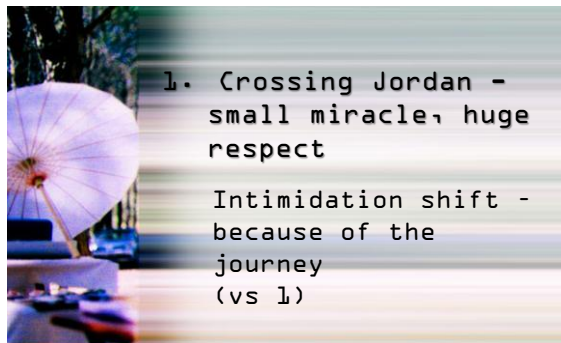
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)
does my Lord have for
his servant?"

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.

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1. Crossing Jordan -
small miracle, huge
respect

Intimidation shift -
because of the
journey
(vs 1)

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2. Gilgal - full
circle

Circumcision means
new covenant of
inner deliverance
(Egypt-out-of-the-
slave)
Reclassified status
(vs 2-3, 9)


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3. Passover of change
- new dispensation

From slavery to
stewardship
The 'possession
issue'
(vs 10-12)

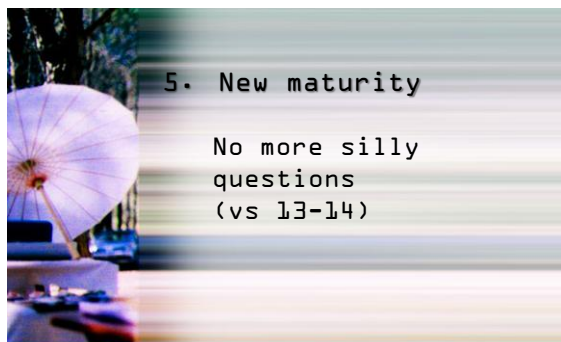
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4. New Christ
encounter

After Tabernacle
because new levels,
new devils
(vs 13)

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5. New maturity

No more silly
questions
(vs 13-14)

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6. New worship
Of the military
conscript

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7. Holy ground
New humility &
worship as conquest

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