

BE STRONG!
Joshua 5:1-15

Memorization

1. Review your memory verses.
Select another verse in the first five chapters to memorize.

Observation (What does it say?)

Our first help in Bible study is observing things like atmosphere, repetitions, contrasts, progression, and turning point.

2. Start a page called "Observation Sheet for Joshua 5" and follow the tips below:
 - Write down everything you observe as you read through the chapter.
 - Mark the paragraph divisions in your Bible as 1, 2, 10, 11, 13.
 - Remember to ask questions: who, what, where, when, why and how.
 - Check out your map and find the cities mentioned in this chapter.
 - Underline in your Bible key words and phrases.
 - Read through Joshua 5 many times.
3. Yes! I will help you again. Here are some of my observation questions. Don't let this keep you from asking your questions!
 - What are the main events in this chapter?
 - What evidence is there in verse one that the Jordan crossing was a miracle?
 - What did the Israelites have to do before entering the promised land? (5:2)
 - Why did they have to do this? (5:3-7)
 - How did they respond to the command? (5:8)
 - How did the Lord respond to their obedience? (5:9)
 - How did Israel demonstrate renewed commitment? (5:10)
 - Why did the manna stop? (5:12)

Now you do 5:13-15! It is so good!

4. Fill in the chart below by recording the action, main characters, the four prominent symbols or tokens and the places that are mentioned.

Paragraph	5:2-9	5:10	5:11-12	5:13-15
Action				
Main Character/s				
Symbol or Token				
Place				

5. Since this is a story, pretend you have a child in front of you and tell her the story. As you think over your observations, what thoughts really stood out to you?

Interpretation and Application (What does it mean?)

In order to properly interpret what we have observed it is time to look up words and check cross references. Familiarize yourself with the main characters. Find answers to any questions you have. After you have done these things then read commentaries.

6. In order to understand this passage, we need to review three items of Israel's history. I have selected a few verses for you to look up. To further your understanding, check out verses from your concordance and a good Bible dictionary.

Write what you learn about:

- Circumcision (Genesis 17:1-14; Deut. 30:6; Romans 2:29).
- Passover (Read the first and second observances in Exodus 12:1-20; Numbers 9:1-14) The Passover observance here is the third recorded Passover in the OT.
- Manna (Exodus 16:4-36; Numbers 11:7-9; Deut. 8:3, 16; Ps 78:24,25; Rev. 2:17)

As Israel prepared for victory, what was the significance of the order of these events?

7. God would have us follow the spiritual lessons here if we would have victory.

What do you learn about:

- A Circumcised heart Col. 2 11-14; Ephesians 4:17-24; (What other verses do you know about living with a whole heart for God, a heart cut off from sin?).
- Remember God's goodness 1 Corinthians 5:7; I Corinthians 11:23-26.
You find other verses.
- Satisfied with God's food Colossians 3:1,2; I Peter 2:1-3
Your turn to find verses.

What is the significance of the order of these events for us?

8. In order to be prepared for victory Joshua had a personal encounter with God. (5:13-15)
What did he learn about God? What was his response?
How did this prepare him for what was to come?

9. What important truths about victory in Christian living do you learn from Joshua's encounter with God?

You may wish to read a good commentary on this chapter now.

10. What did you learn about God from this chapter?
What valuable spiritual lessons may be learned from this chapter?