

Today's Sermon:
“ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD”
Joshua 5:11-15

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- * God provided manna for the disobedient people of Israel in the desert and removed it from the obedient people who entered the Promised Land. Sometimes blessings we expect from God are removed as we mature spiritually.

- * It is easy to obey and follow God when He does miracles (like providing manna or the crossing of the Jordan River). We must also obey and follow God when He does not seem to be doing anything at all in our lives.

- * The issue is not whether God is with you or not. The real issue is – Are you with God?

- * Does Joshua just want God's help (short-term), or is he committed to be God's servant (long-term)? God's will is going to be done. His plans are going to be completed. The question is - will we be a part of God's will and God's plan or not?
- * Lesson of Surrender: Give up our plans/abilities. Give up our pride. By faith, learn to trust and obey, to stand upon the Lord and His Promises.

- * You will encounter God in greater ways in the future if you are obedient to Him in the present.