

FIRST THINGS FIRST

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WORSHIP

Today, By Your Love, One God, I Speak Jesus-Reliably True (medley)

WELCOME

Share about this season of your life --- what are you trusting God for as you go through this part of your journey in life?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

1. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

3. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's help and comfort, salvation for Israel, wisdom for their leaders in government, military and their soldiers as they defend themselves against terrorists' attacks. PRAISE GOD for the release of hostages so far! Continue to pray for the release of the remaining ones.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; conflict in African, East Asian and Middle East countries to stop. Pray for Christians from different countries who have been persecuted, attacked and killed in recent weeks.

3. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

4. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

5. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

JOSHUA 5:1-12

Now it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard how the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the sons of Israel. ² At that time the Lord said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time." ³ So Joshua made himself flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness along the way after they came out of Egypt. ⁵ For all the people who came out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness along the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the sons of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, that is, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished because they did not listen to the voice of the Lord, to whom the Lord had sworn that He would not let them see the land which the Lord had sworn to their fathers to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ Their children whom He raised up in their place, Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them along the way. ⁸ Now when they had finished circumcising all the nation, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God? About people?
- What aspect of your life is God asking you to consecrate today?
- What "reproach of Egypt", if any, is still present in your life?
- What season (of miracles or of blessings) are you currently in?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

I. CIRCUMCISION

(Deuteronomy 10:16, Deuteronomy 30:5-6, Proverbs 3:5-6, Joshua 5:6-9)

II. PASSOVER

(Joshua 5:10, Exodus 12:48, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 11:6)

III. MANNA

(JOSHUA 5:11-12, Deuteronomy 8:18)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "First Things First" write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for people in your life who are still under the slavery of sin (Egypt), that they will understand how to put "first things first". Help them to have the "reproach of Egypt" removed from their lives by introducing them to God's Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 13:35

³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.