

## Jericho or Nineveh? Joshua 5:13 – 6:27

I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence.

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### A Call to Commitment (Joshua 5:13 – 6:5)

God makes it clear:

It wasn't Israel against Jericho, it was God against Jericho.

Israel got no special favors; God didn't join their side, they joined God's side.

It's a strange way to win a war:

### A tale of two cities facing similar fates (Joshua 6; Book of Jonah)

God wasn't just displacing a people; he was calling people to account.

Three fatal sins of the Canaanites (Lev. 18; Deut. 18:9-13):

1. They committed gross sexual perversions
2. They practiced extreme violence in the name of their god
3. They gave themselves over to occult practices and divination

The story of Nineveh

What made the difference?

It is well-established that God is gracious and compassionate.  
(Jonah 4:2; Psalm 103: 8-9; Joel 2:13)

What mattered most both in Nineveh and Jericho was not the depth of their sin; it was their repentance bathed in faith.