

## The Opportunity

Joshua 4:24-5:1 “He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the Lord is powerful and so that you might always fear the Lord your God. 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, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

## Restoring the Relationship

Joshua 5:2-9. “At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.

“Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt. All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.

“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.”

**OT Sign** - Circumcision

**Principle** - Identification and Obedience (Genesis 17)

**NT Parallel**- Water Baptism (Matthew 28:19, Romans 6:1-4, Colossians 2:11-12)

## Celebrating the Relationship

Joshua 5:10-12 “On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain. 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.”

**OT Sign** - Passover

**Principle** - *Acknowledge God's redemptive plan* (Ex 12:23-28; Isaiah 53:1-6)

**NT Parallel** - Communion (Mark 14:22-25; I Cor. 5:7; 11:22-34)

“It is in this moment the Israelites transition from living by miracles to living by ministry.”

-Eugene Peterson

1. What did the Holy Spirit speak to you from the sermon and text? How do you need to respond in obedience?
2. How can slowing down and really hearing the Lord when we are making decisions impact the outcomes?
3. Have you been baptized in water since coming to faith in Christ? If so, reflect on your experience and what it means to you. If not, are you willing to follow this instruction of obedience?
4. Reflect and comment on the correlation between celebrating the Passover and Communion. (Mark 14:22-25; I Cor. 5:7; 11:22-34)
5. Reflect and comment on the transition from being supplied with manna and the transition to eating from the produce of the promised land? What application does this have in your life?