

Yoshua 6:2-16, 20a - Jeshi jingine

Hadithi hii inayojulikana inatanguliwa na kukutana kwa muda mfupi kati ya Yoshua na mgeni asiyejulikana katika Yoshua 5:13-15

Yoshua akiangalia juu, anaona mtu amesimama mbele yake na upanga uliopangwa. Anataka kujua kama yeye ni rafiki au adui, Yoshua anauliza kama yeye ni kwa ajili yao au dhidi yao. Lakini jibu yeye anapata sio. Mtu hujitambulisha kama kamanda wa jeshi la Bwana, akisema kwamba jukumu lake sio sana kusaidia, bali kuchukua amri katika vita vya Bwana. Yoshua anakumbushwa vita hiyo hatimaye si vita vya Israeli na Bwana kutoa msaada, lakini vita vya Bwana na Israeli wanaohitaji kujisalimisha amri ya Bwana (Gary Burge, 2012).

Mola wangu Mlezi, ninakubali kwa Mola wangu Mlezi na Kapteni, na basi jaribu amri zako, ambazo niko tayari kumtii. (John Wesley, 1765).

- Israeli waliingia Kanaani na kujitolea kwa Mungu. Kisha Mungu na jeshi lake walikuja kupigana kwa niaba ya Israeli. Juma hili, tafuta uwepo wa Mungu, jiwekee kwa Yeye, na kutambua Yeye ana jeshi tunaloweza kuona.

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- Dhambi hutuponya. Inatuzuia kutambua jinsi sisi mbali na Mungu. Thibitisha dhambi yoyote na ugeuke.

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- Nitaitii Mungu katika _____, bila kujali watu wengine wanafikiri. Nitawasilisha kwa Bwana.

Wiki ijayo: *Yoshua 3:5-8*

Joshua 6:2-16, 20a - Another Army

This familiar story is preceded by a brief encounter between Joshua and an unidentified stranger in Joshua 5:13-15

As Joshua looks up, he sees a man standing before him with a drawn sword. Wanting to ascertain whether he is friend or foe, Joshua asks if he is for or against them. But the answer he gets is neither. The man identifies himself as the commander of the army of the Lord, implying that his role is not so much to help, but to assume command in the Lord's battle. Joshua is being reminded the battle is ultimately not Israel's battle with the Lord to provide help, but the Lord's battle with Israel needing to submit to the Lord's command (Gary Burge, 2012).

My Lord, I acknowledge Thee for my Lord and Captain, and therefore wait for Thy commands, which I am ready to obey. (John Wesley, 1765).

- Israel entered Canaan and consecrated itself to God. Then God and His army arrived to fight on Israel's behalf. This week, seek God's presence, make yourself available to Him, and realize He has an army we can't see.

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- Sin blinds us. It prevents us from recognizing how distant we are from God. Confess any sin and turn from it.

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- I will obey God in _____, no matter what other people think. I will submit to the Lord.

Next week: *Joshua 3:5-8*

Februari 25, 2018

Jumapili ya 2 ya Lent

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 25 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Yohana 13: 1-20*

Jumanne: *Mathayo 10: 16-42*

Jumatano: *Yohana 15: 12-27*

Alhamisi: *Matendo 6: 8-15*

Ijumaa: *Yakobo 1: 2-18*

Jumamosi: *1 Petro 4:12-19*

Mwenyezi Mungu, kwa nguvu ya Roho Mtakatifu wako kufungua macho yetu, masikio, mioyo, na maisha mazuri kwa uwepo wako ili tuweze kuabudu na kukutumikia kwa uaminifu; na kuwa 'baraka na kukumbusha mawaidha ya upendo wako' kwa wote ambao tunaishi. Tunatoa sala yetu kwa Jina la Mwokozi wetu, Yesu Kristo, Amen.

February 25, 2018

The 2nd Sunday of Lent

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 25 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *John 13:1-20*

Tuesday: *Matthew 10:16-42*

Wednesday: *John 15:12-27*

Thursday: *Acts 6:8-15*

Friday: *James 1:2-18*

Saturday: *1 Peter 4:12-19*

Almighty God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit open our eyes, ears, hearts, and very lives to Your presence so we may worship and serve You in faithfulness; and be 'blessing and healing reminders of Your love' to all whose lives we touch. We offer our prayer in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.