

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16TH

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CLARITY  
+ *courage*



"Remove the sandals from your feet,  
for the place where you stand is holy."

-Joshua 5:15

**PRAYER FOR THIS SEASON**

Continue to pray the prayer for the church introduced last week.

Have you noticed any tension in response to this prayer practice?

Describe that tension in a few words.

Have you noticed any kind of invitation in response to this practice?

Describe that invitation in a few words.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed Your glory  
among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your  
Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in  
the confession of your Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever,  
Amen

## **READ: JOSHUA 5:1 & 10-15**

What word, image, or phrase sticks out to you from today's passage?

Draw about it or write a response to God using the space below.

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

Notice the shift from the consumption of manna in the wilderness to the Israelites being nourished directly from the land of Canaan. What trouble do you think might come as a result of this transition away from their direct dependence on the provision of God?

Take a closer look at the exchange between Joshua and the commander of the Lords army in verses 13-14. What do you think about his response to Joshua's question of which side he is on?

### **PRACTICE OF THE WEEK:**

Fasting

It's easy to notice our need for God in times of deprivation, illness, struggle, or grief, but as we shift towards our own equivalent of lands flowing with milk and honey, we have to intentionally engage practices that remind us of our need for God's deliverance and direction. These are the practices that remove the comfort of our shoes, so to speak, and sink our feet into the holy ground upon which we stand. Fasting is one of those practices.

Choose something to fast from for a period of time. If you can safely do this it could be from all food or from a specific kind of food. You can also fast from technology, social media, alcohol, coffee, or sweets.