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Scripture text: Joshua 5:13-15 / Matthew 6:10 (KJV)

Objective: To highlight the importance of praying and walking out the Lord's Prayer – "Thy will be done," through Joshua's life experience.

I. Joshua Call to Leadership (Joshua 1:2)

- A. He was promised the possession of the land (v. 3-5)
- B. He was assured divine authority (v.5)
- C. He was given an affirmation of divine faithfulness (v.5)
- D. Four times he was commanded to be **strong** and **courageous** (vs. 6,7,9,18).
 - a. This was **his responsibility**

II. Joshua In Leadership

- A. Joshua was alone, prayerfully contemplating the next step
- B. The sudden appearance of "a man with his sword drawn in his hand."
- C. **Gilgal** ("a wheel"- "rollaway") is a place where leaders come to grips with true leadership.
- D. Joshua challenged him

III. The Challenge – "Are you for us or against us?"

- A. Joshua (as some leaders), only knew two sides, "for" and "against."
- B. When the warrior announces "**neither!**" Joshua is to learn that there is another side to successful leadership.
- C. **Why did the warrior not choose for or against?**

IV. Examining the Two Options:

1. If he is for you?

- A. We would judge ourselves **too lightly**
- B. We would lean towards **Pride**— Pride of **grace**, pride of **race**, and the pride of **place**
- C. **We would have the tendency to act on our own**— (“become cocky”) and lose sight of the big picture
- D. **We will reject some necessary correction**—like Peter, feel free to challenge God (Matthew 16:22 – 24)

2. If he is “against me?”

- A. **We would judge ourselves to harshly**
- B. **We would become disappointed, and discourage, and lose hope and faith in the face of difficulties**
- C. **We would fail to see the goodness of God in the land of the living**
- D. **Life would be a hopeless venture**
- E. **Motivation to strive forward would come to a grinding halt**

3. Middle-of-the-road – “yield” and “Submit”

- A. **In this, “we judge Him faithful that promised”** (Heb. 11:11)
- B. **We have no agenda but His** (Matt.6:10)
- C. **Our lives, are, swallowed up in His life** (Gal.2:20)

IV. Choosing the right position—” And Joshua did so.”

- A. **You have the man with a drawn sword in his hand** (Josh.5:13)
- B. **The ground in his presence become holy ground**—no shoes needed
- C. **Where Jesus becomes our superior officer – our ruling King**
- D. **Your prayer is: “Your kingdom come, Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven... For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen** (Matt.6:10,13)
- D. **Where worship is the agenda** and the position is face down to the ground (Rev. 5:11 – 14)