**Devotion**

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Joshua 5:13-15

**The Unseen Captain**

 Our scripture takes place soon after Joshua and the Israelites cross over the Jordan. Before Joshua takes over Jericho he looked over the land as he prepared to take over the land. I can only imagine the things he was dwelling on before his tackled this hurdle. I am assuming that he also spent some time in prayer during this time. As he stood there, he looked over and saw a man with a sword in his hand. Joshua asked if the man was for Joshua or for his adversaries. The man responded, “Nay.” The man then identified himself as the captain of the host of the Lord. Immediately, Joshua fell on his face and worshiped. The Unseen Captain then told Joshua to, “Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy.” Now, there is no doubt that this Unseen Captain is nothing less than a manifestation of God himself. We have heard the words “Loose thy shoe from off thy foot, for the place whereon thou standest is holy,” in the Book of Exodus when Moses was facing the burning bush.

 When reading this scripture, I started thinking about this hurdle that Joshua was about to go through. I then started thinking about the hurdles that we go through in life. It seems as if we had our fair share of sickness, death, and other issues of life. However, as Christians we must remember that we are not immune to sickness, death, and other issues of life. Nonetheless, like Joshua, we have an Unseen Captain that we can turn to.

 In verse 13 we see that the Unseen Captain is one that has his sword ready in his hand. We have an Unseen Captain that is **ready** for anything. We all go through hurdles in life. Some we can see coming and others we can’t. The Unseen Captain is one that is ready to be there with us every step of the way. If we allow him. We must turn everything over to him. We also have an Unseen Captain that will **lead and guide** us. If we were to continue reading in to the next chapter of the scripture, we see where God gave Joshua precise instructions on how to take Jericho. We see where he led and guided them. God will do the same for us in our own hurdles. He will make a way for us to overcome. Now, our version of overcoming these obstacles may not be his way. Yet, through his will and way, he makes a way for us to overcome. Lastly, we have an Unseen Captain that is the **winning side**. He is not just on the winning side. He is the winning side. As Christians, we are on the winning side. I am so thankful for the Unseen Captain of my life.

Are you thankful for the Unseen Captain?

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