



Step Up with Joshua
**INQUIRE OF
THE LORD**

THIS IS A
TIME TO
STEP UP



“Have I not
commanded you?
Be strong and
courageous. Do
not be afraid; do
not be
discouraged, for
the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.”

JOSHUA 1:9

... LAST TIME IN STEP UP WITH JOSHUA...

- Your ways or Yahweh's
- Jericho or Ai
- Following Joshua's encounter with the 'commander of the Lord's army'
- The question is not whether The Lord is on our side whether we choose to follow Him and His word



“... as for me
and my
household, we
will serve the
Lord.”

JOSHUA 24:15

- This declaration was at the end of Joshua's life as he lead the people of Israel in renewal of their covenant
- Lessons had been learnt lessons through their obedience and disobedience
- The Lord had been proven faithful to His promise (as always!)



- Today we return to the scene after Jericho and Ai and to tough lesson for Joshua
- Ai had been defeated (at the second attempt), Gibeon was next...
- Joshua and the Israelites did what we so often do in forgetting to rely upon The Lord...



“1 Now when all the kings west of the Jordan heard about these things - the kings in the hill country, in the western foothills, and along the entire coast of the Mediterranean Sea as far as Lebanon (the kings of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites) - 2 they came together to wage war against Joshua and Israel. 3 However, when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, 4 they resorted to a ruse...”

JOSHUA 9

“... 27 That day he made the Gibeonites woodcutters and water carriers for the assembly, to provide for the needs of the altar of the Lord at the place the Lord would choose. And that is what they are to this day.”

“14 The Israelites sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the Lord. 15 Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.”

- Their failure to seek the counsel of The Lord, left the door open for Israel into a future of compromise, idolatry and spiritual confusion
- I believe many of the people of God's people today have failed (or are failing) to inquire of the Lord, thus forsaking His ways: choosing the world over The Word



- God's people are called to live God's way - evening the face of injustice
- We may feel one deception deserves another or undermines the agreement but Israel knew they must keep their oath, despite the lies it was based upon
- This should be even more so as New Covenant, New Testament Kingdom people



- If we want to be those who serve The Lord and walk in blessing, our best strategy is always to inquire of the Lord
- It is not always easy to hear God's voice but if we seek Him diligently, we will find Him - Prov 8:17
- If we follow Him in faith it will result in blessing (His definition) - Heb 11:6





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Bagel

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WHAT IS
THE FIRST
PLACE YOU
LOOK IF
YOU WANT
TO KNOW
SOMETHING
?





“Hey Alexa”



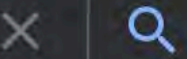
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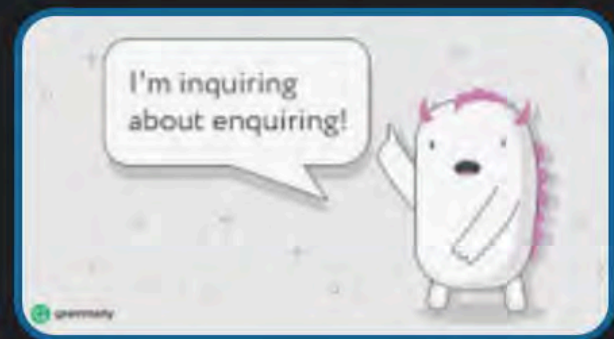


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I'm inquiring
about enquiring!



“... inquire of the
Lord.”

JOSHUA 9:14

שָׂאֵל

SHAAL

PHONETIC
SPELLING: (SHAW-
AL')

DEFINITION: TO
ASK, INQUIRE

STRONGS CONCORDANCE



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PEH

PHONETIC
SPELLING: (PEH)

DEFINITION:
MOUT, COUNSEL



WHAT DO
YOU NEED
TO INQUIRE
OF THE
LORD
TODAY?



- Ask God diligently for guidance, wisdom & leadership, make time to hear from Him & He will speak to you...
 - Prayer & journaling
 - Nature & your environment
 - Reading & listening to Scripture
 - Biblical teaching & prophecy
 - Discernment & inner voice of Spirit
- If you are uncertain whether what you are sensing is from God, ask yourself whether it would glorify Him and grow you - if so it is worth pursuing



“25 These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Helper (Counsellor), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

JOHN 14

- This is a time for us as individuals and as a church to step up in hearing from God and obeying His voice
- Making time to hear from Him is vital
- The result will be a people who are growing in what it means to 'Love God, Love People'



TIME TO INQUIRE

