

Title: Do It Yourself - Joshua 5 1-9

Read:

¹ When all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and the Canaanite kings along the seacoast heard how God had stopped the Jordan River before the People of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts sank; the courage drained out of them just thinking about the People of Israel. ²⁻³ At that time God said to Joshua, "Make stone knives and circumcise the People of Israel a second time." So Joshua made stone knives and circumcised the People of Israel at Foreskins Hill. ⁴⁻⁷ This is why Joshua conducted the circumcision. All the males who had left Egypt, the soldiers, had died in the wilderness on the journey out of Egypt. All the people who had come out of Egypt, of course, had been circumcised, but all those born in the wilderness along the way since leaving Egypt had not been. The fact is that the People of Israel had walked through that wilderness for forty years until the entire nation died out, all the men of military age who had come out of Egypt but had disobeyed the call of God. God vowed that these would never lay eyes on the land God had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. But their children had replaced them. These are the ones Joshua circumcised. They had never been circumcised; no one had circumcised them along the way. ⁸ When they had completed the circumcising of the whole nation, they stayed where they were in camp until they were healed. ⁹ God said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt." That's why the place is called The Gilgal. It's still called that.

Think:

Sometimes I look at the passage and think what is God trying to say. Well he may be trying to say something different to me than he does to you. So today we are going to play the passage again. The time is for you to do it yourself and ask God what it means for you.

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Pray:

Now it's time to be quiet and pray. Here comes 1 minute of silence, off you go.

Action:

Well what action you take is up to you. Do let us know. Bye