



BUILDING DEEP:
Intimacy with God
(Joshua 5:13-15)

INTRODUCTION

Recap:

- **Chapter 1** – Joshua installed as the new leader of Israel.
- **Chapter 2** – Two spies in Jericho.
- **Chapter 3 to 4** – Israel crossed the Jordan.
- **Chapter 5:1-12** – Covenant with God renewed in Gilgal – *the males were circumcised, they celebrated the Passover and they ate the produce of the land.*

Today:

- **Chapter 5:13-15** – Intimacy with God.

INTRODUCTION

- Do you desire a deep intimate relationship with God?
- Do you often feel that God is far away?
- **There is a deep spiritual yearning in all of us for more of God.**
- *“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.”*
(Psalm 63:1).

1) UNDERSTANDING INTIMACY WITH GOD

▪ What is Intimacy with God?

1. **Our intimacy with God first began in the Garden of Eden when God walked with man (Gen 2).**
 - *“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” (Gen 3:8-9).*

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 - *“So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken” (Gen 3:23).*

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3. **Through Christ, we are now able to re-establish this intimacy with God.**
 - *“For we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.” (Eph 5:30-32).*

2) CHALLENGES TO INTIMACY WITH GOD

- **Number One Challenge: DISTRACTIONS!**
 1. **Joshua was distracted by what he sees (v.13a).**
 - *“Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up.”*

2) CHALLENGES TO INTIMACY WITH GOD

- **Number One Challenge: DISTRACTIONS!**
 1. Joshua was distracted by what he sees (v.13a).
 2. **Joshua was interrupted (v.13b).**
 - *“And saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”*

2) CHALLENGES TO INTIMACY WITH GOD

▪ Number One Challenge: **DISTRACTIONS!**

1. Joshua was distracted by what he sees (v.13a).

2. Joshua was interrupted (v.13b).

3. Joshua failed to recognize (v.14a).

- *“Neither,” he replied, but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”*
- *“the army of the LORD”* = Angels of God.
- The commander (Matt 26:53).

3) PURSUE INTIMACY WITH GOD

- **Our Response:**

1. **Joshua responded – with Deep Respect (v.14b).**

- *“Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence.”*

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 2. **From Our Heart – the inward attitude of our heart determines our outward posture.**

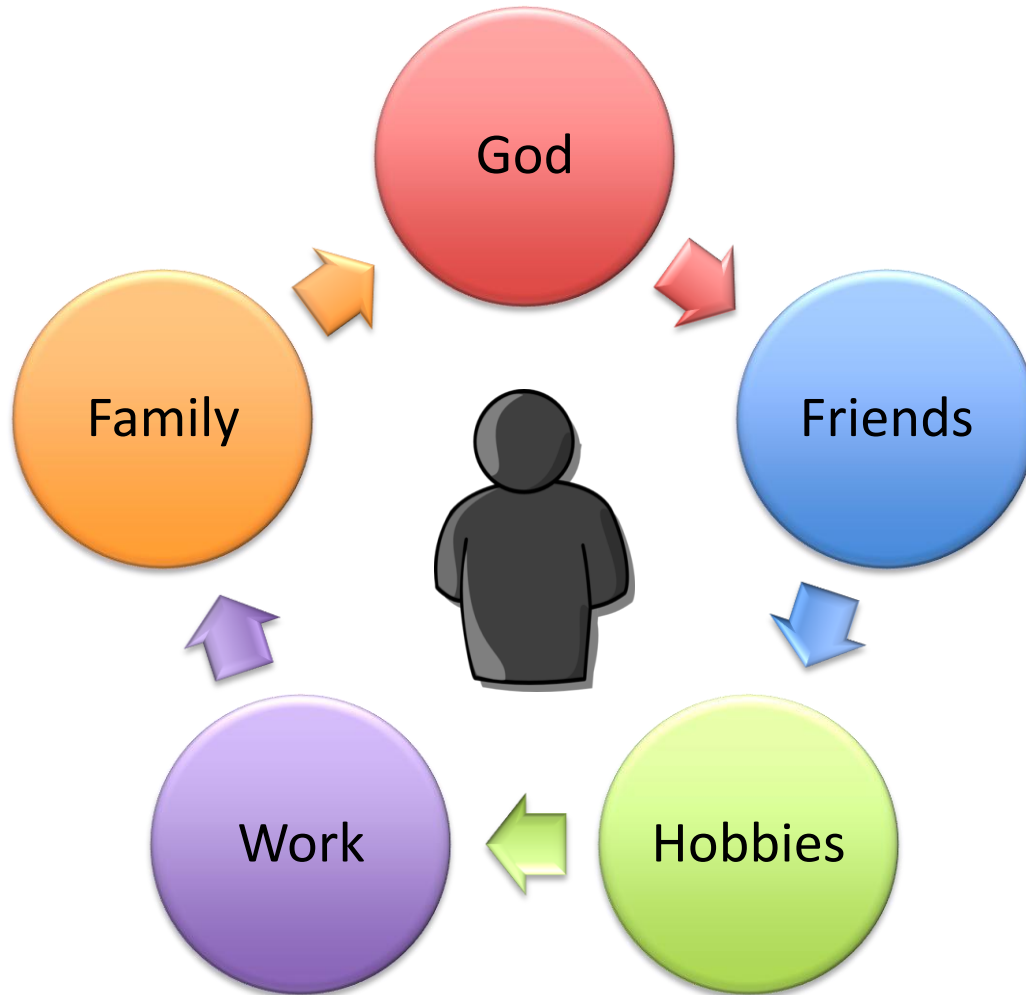
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- **Our First Priority:**

1. **Joshua first priority (v.14c).**

- *“And asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”*
- The priority is often build around me, my work, my interest and what I want.

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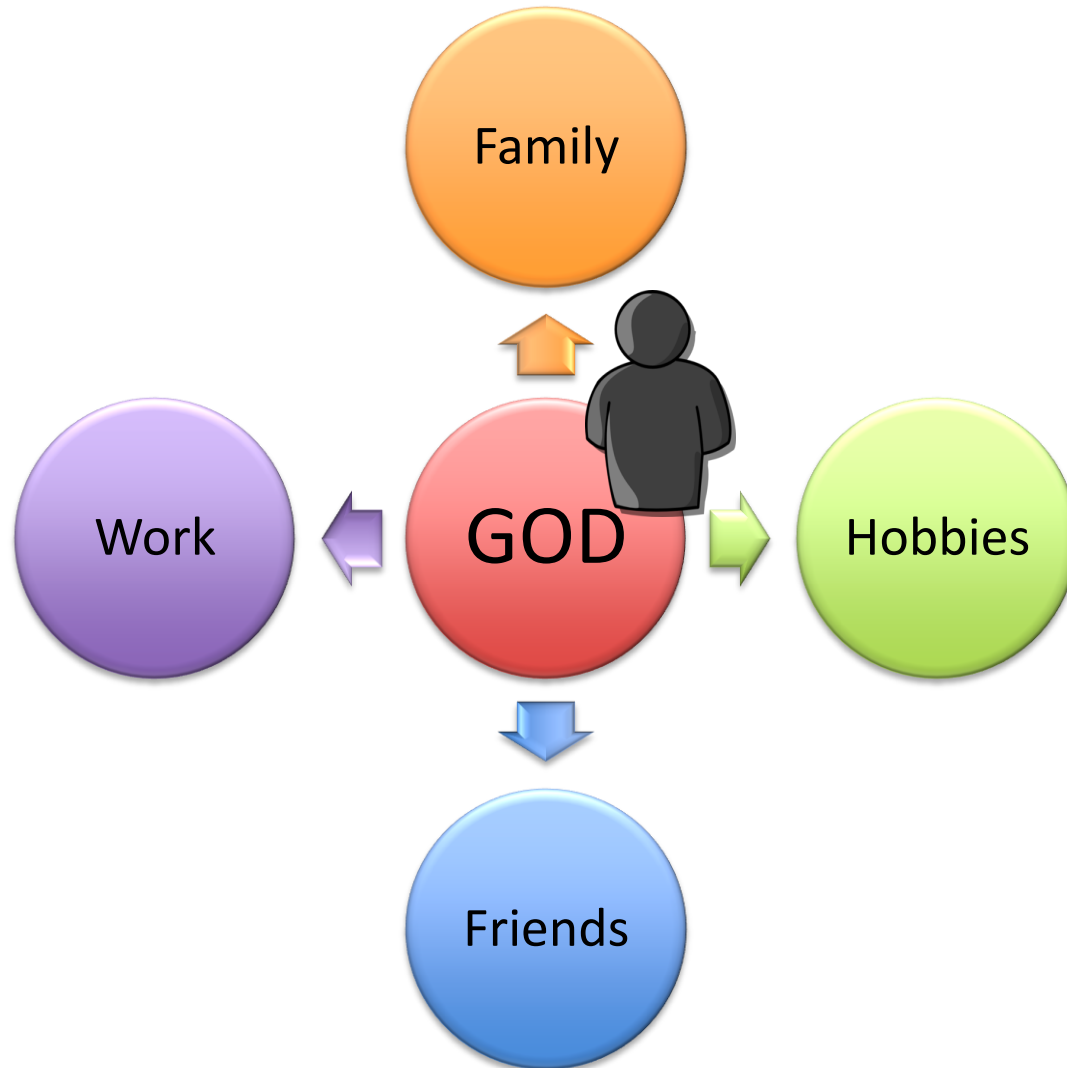
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2. **Re-Ordering Our Priorities (v.15).**

- *“The commander of the Lord’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.”*
- A priority that flows from our intimacy with God.

3) PURSUE INTIMACY WITH GOD



CONCLUSION

- *“I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.” (Phil 3:8).*

**“HOW CAN I RE-ORDER MY TIME THIS WEEK –
TO PURSUE INTIMACY WITH GOD?!”**