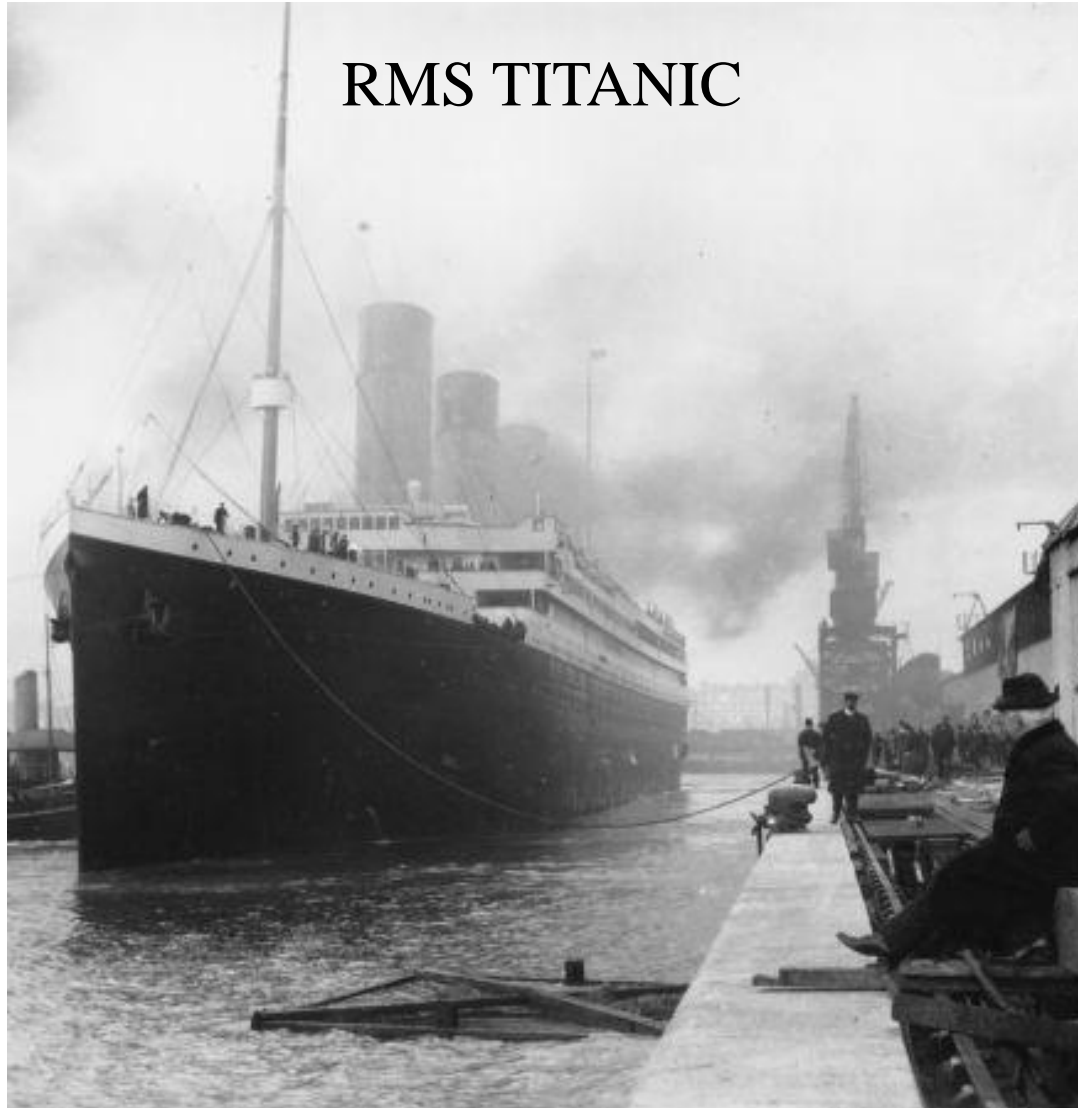


Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12



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- We must count the cost and be prepared before we head into conflict
- First, Joshua's leadership led everyone (2 million) across the Jordan
- He must lead them to Jericho & beyond to the Conquest
- Then God drops this bomb on him ~ vs. 2
- Joshua was consistently God's man
- Where are our Joshua's?

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- **Joshua 5:1 (English Standard Version)**

¹As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- The enemy is ripe for the picking; weak & afraid
- The Israelites had a recent victory against a large army
- Time to rush in & conquer!

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- God says, “You’re not ready. Not right, not left...”
- “Blue.”
- **Joshua 5:2 (English Standard Version)** ²At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time."
- Why couldn't this wait?
- Why circumcision?

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- It reminds them that God is the God of the Covenant (promises)
- He is a promise keeper
- He is all about relationship with us
- It reminds them that their battles are physical and spiritual
- Battles need weapons and strategy
- But we fail and are defeated when we forget that our battles are about the unseen

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- It renews the covenant after a rebellious generation
- It illustrates the removal of anything that keeps us from wholly surrendering to God (Col 3:1-17)
- They were a “marked people”
- All of them belonged to God and they were to be pure & holy, especially in their bodies
- It reveals their complete trust in God’s protection
- As always, God is most interested in stretching & breaking down & building up our faith

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- 1) If you are saved, live like it
- Cut off & put away anything that is displeasing to God
- Don't trust in the external marks over trusting God (Matt. 3:9)

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- 2) Be obedient even when it doesn't seem beneficial
- God's ways usually aren't the most expedient or immediately rewarding ways
- Be prepared in obedience, not pragmatism
- When it makes no sense, have faith & be prepared!

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- **Joshua 5:9 (English Standard Version)** ⁹And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.
- Gilgal = Reproach/shame are rolled away; specifically the reproach of Egypt
- 2 Events: Ex. 32 ~ Golden calf and Numb. 14 ~ Refused to enter
- These rolled away as they responded in faith
- Don't live under the shadow of yesterday

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- **Joshua 5:11-12 (English Standard Version)** ¹¹And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.
- The manna stopped
- It had been a constant reminder of God's provision
- AND a constant reminder of Egypt and their lust for Egypt's luxuries
- Be prepared with satisfaction during conflict

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- Great public victories are won in private
- Take time to be holy before rushing into battle

Surgery for Battle ~ Joshua 5:1-12

- “It’s not great talents God blesses so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy [person] is an awful weapon in the hand of God.” ~Robert McCheyen, 1840



Sanctus Student Ministry News

- Don't miss these great Sanctus events!
- Wed., July 7 @ 6:30 Greatwood Rec Center: Water Games, Capture the Flag, Pizza!
- Wed., July 21: Small group parties
- Wed., August 11 @ Bonbrook Plantation: Nacho Libre party
- For more summer info go to www.thesanctuaryfellowship.com under "Sanctus"



CHILDCARE JOBS



Looking for a great way to serve AND make some extra money? We are looking for childcare workers for Sunday morning and for one of our life groups.

See your bulletin for all the details.



Church Picnic Sunday July, 11 5:30-7:30 pm

- Volleyball, basketball, kids play area, food, friends and fellowship!
- The Sanctuary will provide drinks- bring food, chairs, and shade for your family.
- The picnic will be at the Rec Center of Bonbrook Plantation subdivision.
- See you there!



VBS ~ Mission Event



- WHEN?
 - June 28 – July 1
- WHO'S IT FOR?
 - The trailer park @ Jenny & Clay Road in Rosenberg
- HOW CAN I HELP?
 - Canvas the neighborhood **TODAY**
 - **THIS Wednesday, June 23 ~ MEN** help clean out the lot: Mow, Edge, Clean Up Debris
 - Help with refreshments, crafts, or be hands-on with the children during VBS