STRONG & COURAGEOUS

"TAKING OVER" Series

Message #1 of 5

"A FRESH START"

Victory in this life means dependence on the Lord's forgiveness, healing, pleasure, and freedom ... not ours.

Joshua 5:9-15

August 4, 2019 - Communion Sunday

1. <u>PARDON</u> – No More Shame ... *FORGIVENESS!* "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." - v.9

"The restoration of the covenant was a pledge from God to accomplish what was begun for them." – Barnes

"Gilgal" = "I have removed."

"He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken." – Isaiah 25:8

2. <u>PASSOVER</u> – No More Death ... *HEALING!*"While camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover." - v.10

"As far as the east is from the west, so far have I removed your transgressions from you." — Psalm 103:12

3. <u>PROVISION</u> – No More Manna ... *PLEASURE!* "That very day ... there was no longer any manna for the Israelites ... but they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened bread and roasted grain." - v.11-12

Unleavened - remembering the haste of your departure. Remembering the Passover sacrifice. (The lamb)

"Give us this day our daily bread." - Matthew 6:11

"I am the bread of life." – John 6:35

4. <u>PROTECTION</u> – No More Doubts ... *FREEDOM!* "As commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." - v.14

It is the Lord's battle, not ours. 2nd Chronicles 20:15; 1st Samuel 17:47; Zechariah 4:6; Exodus 14:14

We have sandals, but the Lord has a sword.

"There is an enemy and he fights dirty." – Dave Bartels, Dr. Leadership

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." – Abraham Lincoln

How would our lives be different if we always believed this?