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## The People of Haiti are in the streets.

The people versus the government... it has been increasingly hostile for over a year. Who are you for?

When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?" <sup>14</sup> And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" **Joshua 5:13-14** 

Did he just say "Neither"? Did the Commander of the Lord's Army say he was not exactly standing with either Joshua or his enemies? Yep, I believe that's what we just read.

"Aba Koripsyon" is Down with Corruption. But that is where the fight is, where we have drawn the battle lines! Right, <u>we</u> drew battle lines, and it appears that God did not agree.

In the beginning verses of Joshua chapter 5 we read about Israel failing to circumcise those who were born in the wilderness. Those born in slavery in Egypt had been circumcised but those born in freedom were neglected. A physical indicator of disobedience had already set into the camp of Israel.

There are many things to consider with this story from Joshua and with Haiti's story. It is complicated. Israel is wandering the desert in the first place because so many men were doubtful that God could lead them into a land of giants. The circumcision was neglected, yet once corrected, they choose to remain there to keep the Passover. That lead to a feast including food from the land, which once eaten, marked the end of the daily manna. Now, they were going to eat based on: a newly revived identity and an end to the free food, focusing now on a working relationship with God.

Now enters the Commander of the Lord's Army. Joshua has not yet departed from the **us or them** thinking. The Commander gets right to the point and Joshua seems to get it. He drops, worships and asks the better question.... What does my Lord want to say?

Will Haiti go this way? Will they choose between two corrupt sides? Will we see God step in to revive them, purify them, ask them to work the land for their daily food?



Will leadership recognize the Lord's supremacy? Will they cry out honestly to know what the Lord wants them to know? And if they do,...Will you join us to be available to speak God's Word to them?

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"While the earth remains, <u>Seedtime and Harvest</u>, Cold and Heat, Winter and Summer, And Day and Night Shall Not Cease." Genesis 8:22

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It is fanciful thinking, isn't it? What we suggest might happen in Haiti seems very unrealistic.

That such a mess-of-a-country would turn from their heavily corrupt behavior and come to Jesus.

<u>How corrupt</u>? In addition to the regular media sources speaking about governmental corruption charges and public rioting, we spoke with a Christian missionary friend of ours who just left Haiti recently were he worked full time at an orphanage. He reported nighttime raids by men, coming into his neighborhood, shooting into the air intimidating anyone who did not accept to pay for their land all over again. While our friend's ministry accepted to pay, not all the neighbors did, leaving two men dead and many others scrambling to leave. His area had an estimated 1000 people and now he said it has about 50. Gang activity has been underreported favoring instead to report the incessant call for the Haitian President to resign. There is much broken in Haiti at the moment.

Still, ours is not to decide the situation is hopeless. When the dust clears we expect to proclaim a message that will favor neither one side or the other. It will represent God and the Son and the Spirit. That... is our hope, and faith, and obedience.

We realize that not all will accept to turn away from sin. We welcome folks on either side to have their "stop, drop and worship" moment.

In our reading of the past and in our time today we have noted some folks from both sides of the "battle line" turn. Even today, many eyes are watching to see if Kanye West's change is real.

God can do whatever, whenever and he doesn't need you and me. But he did ask us to go make disciples. We are looking for the next chance to walk as a Commander of God's Army and say "Now I have come" Joshua 5:14b

While we wait it out in relative safety and comfort, may we ask you to simply pray for the country.



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