Cameos of Christ, pt. 5 — **Pastor Tony Byrd**

Who's the Boss?

05/31/2026 Message Discussion Guide

This week we continued our series, Cameos of Christ, examining Joshua's encounter with a Man identified as "the Commander of the Lord's army." In this story, Joshua learns that Jesus does not come to take sides, He comes to take over as the Boss – as Lord and King. As a result, our challenge is to move beyond seeing Jesus merely as Savior or Friend, and fully surrender to His authority in our lives. But that may be easier said than done, so let's talk about it.

For an opportunity to fellowship and discuss, in community, how to apply this teaching, get connected in a Life Group. Life Groups is where the **BIG CHURCH** gets small, and where you can **GROW BIG**.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

- If you had to choose one person from your childhood, your workplace, or your family who always WAS or even IS "the boss" (officially or unofficially), who would it be … and what made them impossible to ignore?
- READ Joshua 5:13-15. Joshua asked, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" Whether it's one type of church vs. another, Republicans vs. Democrats, or Americans vs. those around the world … why do you think we're quick to assume God is on "our" side? How does this story challenge that mindset?
- Pastor Tony said it's evident that for Joshua, Jesus was truly the Boss. And the first clue was his unhindered worship. What are some things that at times might hinder your worship, and why are those things such a challenge for you?
- Another sign that Jesus is the real Boss in our lives is unselfish submission. So what did you think about the Henry Blackaby quote: "Quit asking God to bless what you're doing and instead, find out what God is doing and get in on that."?
- Is there an area of your life right now where you sense God calling you to surrender to His plans, instead of trying to get Him to sign off on yours?
- The sermon challenged us with the idea that "delayed obedience is disobedience." Is there something you sense God has already asked you to do that you've been postponing? What would it look like to take a step of immediate obedience this week?

TRUTH

- Joshua 5:13-15
- Luke 22:42