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Joshua 5:13-6:5

When asking a question, one must be prepared for the answer. In this instance, Joshua wasn't prepared and God's answer may have surprised him.

It's tempting to live our lives in an either/or fashion. We say, "Either God is on our side or he's not." Instead, there is a middle ground we often miss. It's the middle ground of God's will, God's timing, and God's perfect plan for our lives rather than the extreme demands we tend place on him. Have we become myopic in our view of God? Is it possible there is more at work in God's plan than the instances in our own lives?

Likewise, it is tempting to make our own plans and plow ahead, assuming God will move forward with us. It's as if he is obligated to fulfill our agenda. Instead, it is his purpose and plan we should seek to follow, not the other way around.

It's never easy to ask God a question and then get a different answer from what we expected. But it's in those moments that he can bring us back from our extreme way of thinking to the spot where he waits for us.