

Joshua 10:1-43 – Trusting God’s Power and Presence in the Battle

When You Honor Your Commitments, God Honors You

The Gibeonites had deceived Israel into making a peace treaty (Joshua 9), and now they were under attack by five Amorite kings who saw them as traitors. The Gibeonites sent an urgent plea for help to Joshua. He could have seen this as an opportunity to correct his earlier mistake by letting them be defeated, but instead, he honored the covenant he made with them.

This challenges me to ask: *Do I keep my word even when it’s inconvenient?* Integrity means standing by my commitments, even when it costs me something. God blesses faithfulness, even when we make mistakes. Because Joshua honored the treaty, God gave Israel one of their greatest victories.

When I make commitments—whether in relationships, work, or ministry—do I stay true to them? Am I reliable, even when circumstances change? When I choose to act with integrity, I position myself for God’s blessings.

The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Before Joshua went into battle, God gave him a promise:

"Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." (Joshua 10:8)

Joshua and his men marched all night to reach the battle. This wasn’t an easy fight—it required effort and endurance. But because God was fighting for them, Israel saw supernatural victory.

- God sent confusion among the enemy.
- God sent a hailstorm that killed more enemies than Israel did.
- God stopped the sun in the sky, extending the day so they could win the battle.

This reminds me that when I’m facing a spiritual battle, God fights for me. I may feel overwhelmed, but I can stand on His promise:

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." (Exodus 14:14)

Do I trust that God is bigger than my struggles? Do I rely on His strength, or do I try to fight in my own power? The victory comes **not because of my ability, but because of His power.**

Faith Asks Boldly

Joshua’s prayer for the sun to stand still was one of the boldest prayers in Scripture. In front of all Israel, he commanded, *"Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and moon, over the Valley of Aijalon."* (Joshua 10:12)

And God answered.

What does this teach me? God honors bold faith. Joshua didn't pray a timid, hesitant prayer. He asked for something impossible, and God did it.

How often do I pray safe, small prayers because I'm afraid of being disappointed? Joshua's faith challenges me to ask big—not because I am powerful, but because God is. He is still the same miracle-working God, and He invites me to trust Him with big prayers and big faith.

Jesus said, *"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you."* (Matthew 17:20)

What am I afraid to ask God for? Am I limiting my prayers based on what seems logical, or am I trusting in the limitless power of God?

God's Presence is in Every Battle

Joshua's victory was possible because he recognized that God was with him.

- God gave him strength for the journey.
- God gave him supernatural help.
- God responded to his faith.

God is just as present in my battles today. Whether I'm facing discouragement, fear, temptation, or spiritual opposition, He is fighting for me.

Am I aware of His presence? Do I recognize that He is near, even in the struggles?

Final Reflection

Joshua 10 teaches me to:

- Honor my commitments. Integrity is doing the right thing, even when it's hard.
- Trust that the battle belongs to the Lord. Victory doesn't come from my strength but from His power.
- Pray bold prayers. God can do the impossible when I ask in faith.
- Believe that God is present in every battle. I am never alone—He fights for me.

Lord, give me faith like Joshua. Help me to trust that You are fighting for me, even when I feel weak. Teach me to pray bold prayers, knowing that nothing is impossible for You. And may I walk in integrity, honoring my commitments and living in obedience to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.