

## 4-13-25 Courage Over Fear (The Day the Sun Stood Still)

### Week 7

**Text: Joshua 10: 1–15**

**Topic(s):** Confidence, Weary, Battles, Miracles

**Big Idea:** In our moments of fear and doubt, God is able to do what we can't.

**Application Point:** When we pray and ask God for his help, God desires to help his own children.

When You Pray Boldly, God Moves Powerfully!

Have you ever faced a battle that seemed impossible?

Maybe it's a personal struggle, a challenge at work, a financial crisis, or a spiritual attack.

In **Joshua 10**, Israel faced five united armies, outnumbered and outmatched—but God turned their impossible into a miracle!

**Big Idea two:** When we pray bold prayers and take bold action, God moves in ways we can't imagine!

**“And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.” Joshua 10:14**

#### I. Opposition Always Rises When You Walk in Victory

- **Read Joshua 10:1-5.**
- When you step into God's promises, the enemy will try to stop you!
- Five kings united against Joshua, not because he was weak, but because he was winning!
- When you start making progress in your faith, expect opposition—but don't fear it!
- If the enemy is attacking you, it's because you're a threat to his kingdom!

#### Application:

- Don't be surprised by spiritual warfare, it's a sign that you're on the right path!
- The greater the opposition, the greater the opportunity for God to show His power.

If the enemy is coming against you, it's because God is about to do something great!

#### II. Call on God for Help

- **Read Joshua 10:6-8.**
- When you cry out to God, He responds!
- The Gibeonites called for help. Joshua didn't hesitate—he moved immediately because he had a word from God.
- God reassured him: **“I have already given them into your hands.”**
- Faith doesn't wait for the battle to start moving forward, believing the victory is already won!

#### Application:

- Are you calling on God when battles arise?
- When God gives you a promise, act on it with confidence!

You're not fighting for victory—you're fighting from a place of victory!

### III. Take the Battle to the Enemy

- **Read Joshua 10:9-11.**
- Faith takes action!
- Joshua didn't wait for the enemy to attack—he took the fight to them!
- Faith is not passive! When God says GO, we must move in obedience.
- And look what happened God fought for them!
- He threw the enemy into confusion.
- He sent hailstones from heaven.
- More enemies died from God's intervention than by Israel's swords!

#### Application:

- Are you waiting for God to move, when He's waiting for you to step in faith?
- The moment you move in obedience, God moves in power!

When you step out, God steps in!

### IV. Pray Bold Prayers—And Expect Miracles!

- **Read Joshua 10:12-14.**
- Joshua asked for the impossible—and God did it!
- This was a prayer of audacity—he prayed for the sun to stop moving!
- He didn't just ask for strength—he asked for time itself to pause so he could finish the victory!
- And God answered! The sun stood still, giving Israel the time they needed to win completely.

#### Application:

- Are your prayers big enough? Or are you only praying for things that seem possible?
- God is looking for people who will pray bold, impossible prayers!

Don't limit God with small prayers—He is a BIG God who does BIG things!

### V. Trust God for Complete Victory

**“Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings.” (v. 24)**

- **Read Joshua 10:15-25.**
- When God fights for you, He doesn't just give you partial victory—He gives you **complete** victory!

- Joshua made sure every enemy was completely defeated—no unfinished battles!
- God doesn't want you to live with **“partial” victories**, He wants you to walk in total freedom!

**Application:**

- What battles are you leaving unfinished?
- Don't settle for halfway, trust God to finish what He started!

God doesn't just give breakthrough...He gives total victory!

**Conclusion:**

When we pray bold prayers and take bold action, God moves in ways we can't imagine!

Step into Your Miracle!

What is your battle right now?

What is your impossible situation?

Where is God asking you to step out in faith?

**FIVE KEYS TO WINNING YOUR BATTLES:**

- 1. Expect opposition—your victory makes the enemy nervous.**
- 2. Call on God—He fights for you!**
- 3. Take bold action—faith moves first!**
- 4. Pray impossible prayers—believe for the miraculous!**
- 5. Finish the fight—don't stop until the victory is complete!**

The same God who made the sun stand still for Joshua is still the same today! He fights for you, He moves mountains, and He does the impossible...if you dare to believe!