

Selfies IN THE BATTLE



SELFIES IN THE BATTLE, PART 4: SUN STAND STILL

We often pray small, safe prayers—but what if God is inviting us to pray *bold, audacious* ones? In Joshua 10, Joshua faces an impossible battle, yet he prays one of the boldest prayers in all of Scripture: “Sun, stand still.” It’s a prayer so big that, if God didn’t answer, Joshua would look foolish. But that’s exactly the kind of faith that honors God—faith that believes He can do what only He can do.

BIG IDEA: God takes full responsibility for the life wholly devoted to Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What’s the boldest thing you’ve ever asked God to do?
2. Have you ever prayed a small, “safe” prayer out of fear or doubt? What happened?
3. When was the last time you felt truly challenged to trust God with something beyond your control?
4. *With your Bible or Bible App, read [Joshua 10:7-14](#).*

⁷ So Joshua and his entire army, including his best warriors, left Gilgal and set out for Gibeon. ⁸ “Do not be afraid of them,” the LORD said to Joshua, “for I have given you victory over them. Not a single one of them will be able to stand up to you.” ⁹ Joshua traveled all night from Gilgal and took the Amorite armies by surprise. ¹⁰ The LORD threw them into a panic, and the Israelites slaughtered great numbers of them at Gibeon. Then the Israelites chased the enemy along the road to Beth-horon, killing them all along the way to Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹ As the Amorites retreated down the road from Beth-horon, the LORD destroyed them with a terrible hailstorm from heaven that continued until they reached Azekah. The hail killed more of the enemy than the Israelites killed with the sword. ¹² On the day the LORD gave the Israelites victory over the Amorites, Joshua prayed to the LORD in front of all the people of Israel. He said, “Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon.” ¹³ So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies. Is this event not recorded in The Book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day. ¹⁴ There has never been a day like this one before or since, when the LORD answered such a prayer. Surely the LORD fought for Israel that day! [Joshua 10:7-14 \(NLT\)](#)

5. In Joshua 10:7–8, God says, “Do not be afraid... I have given you victory.” Why does God often speak of victory in the *past tense*, even before the battle begins? What does that reveal about His perspective versus ours?
6. God intervened supernaturally with hailstones to help Israel win. What does this passage teach us about God’s ability to do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime?
7. Joshua prayed, “Let the sun stand still.” What stands out to you about this prayer? Why do bold prayers like this honor God?
8. **Joshua’s prayer was bold.** What’s one bold prayer you’ve been hesitant to pray because it felt “too big”? What would it look like to pray it anyway?
9. Hebrews 4:16 says, “Let us come boldly to the throne of grace.” What does it mean to approach God with boldness, and how does that differ from arrogance?
10. **Joshua’s prayer was specific.** Why is it important to be specific in prayer? How might vague or generic prayers limit our awareness of what God is doing?
11. **Joshua’s prayer required action.** He didn’t just pray—he fought. What does it look like for us to “pray like it depends on God, but act like it depends on us”?
12. What keeps you from believing that God can do the impossible?
13. How different do you think your life would be if you stopped asking God for simple things and instead ask

Him to do mighty things?

14. With your Bible or Bible App, read [Joshua 24:14-15](#).

¹⁴ “So fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD alone. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” [Joshua 24:14-15 \(NLT\)](#)

15. How was Joshua’s life wholly devoted to God? When did Joshua say this statement: at the beginning of his life or at the end? Why do you think that is significant?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What is one *Sun Stand Still* prayer you can begin praying today? How can this group support you as you take bold steps of faith? What’s one area of your life where you need to move from “safe faith” to “audacious faith”?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies. The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day. There has never been a day like this one before or since, when the LORD answered such a prayer. Surely the LORD fought for Israel that day!
Joshua 10:13-14