



# Discipleship Guide

*Sermon: The Power of Covenant | Becoming Bold*

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## Key Takeaways

- God fights for those in covenant with Him, just as Joshua fought for the Gibeonites.
  - True peace comes only through Jesus, not through the absence of conflict or self-imposed boundaries.
  - Surrendering control to God allows Him to work supernaturally on our behalf.
  - Recognizing spiritual attacks and seeking God's help is crucial for victory.
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## Discussion Questions

1. How does the story of Joshua fighting for the Gibeonites reflect God's commitment to those in covenant with Him?
  2. In what areas of your life have you been trying to create peace through your own efforts or boundaries? How might this differ from God's peace?
  3. The sermon mentioned that "peace only comes by Jesus." What does this mean to you practically?
  4. How can we discern between natural challenges and spiritual attacks in our lives?
  5. What does it mean to you to "trade your boundaries for God's peace"?
  6. How does the concept of God controlling time (as illustrated by the sun standing still) encourage you in your current circumstances?
  7. In what situations do you find it most difficult to surrender control to God? Why?
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## Practical Applications

1. Practice Surrender: Each day this week, intentionally identify one area where you're trying to maintain control, and surrender it to God in prayer.

2. Develop a "Help" Habit: When facing challenges, make it a habit to immediately say "Help, Holy Spirit" before trying to solve the problem on your own.
3. Covenant Reflection: Spend time meditating on what it means to be in covenant with God. How does this impact your daily life and decisions?
4. Boundary Assessment: Evaluate the boundaries in your life. Are they protecting you or isolating you from God's work? Discuss with a trusted friend or mentor.
5. Bold Declaration: Each morning, declare out loud: "God fights for me. I do not need to be afraid."
6. Peace Pursuit: Instead of avoiding conflict, seek God's peace in the midst of challenging situations this week. Journal about the difference you experience.
7. Prayer Line Practice: Save the church's new prayer line number (773-619-3160) in your phone. Commit to calling it at least once this week when you need prayer support.

Closing Prayer: End the session by praying for each other, specifically in the areas of consecration, dealing with hidden sin, and seeking God's presence and power in your lives.

## 5-Day Devotionals

Day 1: God Fights Our Battles

Reading: Joshua 10:1-14

Devotional: In Joshua 10, we see God fighting on behalf of His people in miraculous ways. He sends hailstones and even makes the sun stand still. This reminds us that our God is not limited by natural laws or human expectations. When we face overwhelming odds or seemingly impossible situations, we must remember that we serve a God who can do the supernatural.

Reflect on areas in your life where you've been trying to fight battles in your own strength. How might surrendering these to God and trusting in His power change your perspective and approach? Today, practice saying "Help, Lord" when you face challenges, acknowledging your need for His intervention.

Day 2: Finding True Peace

Reading: Philippians 4:6-7

Devotional: The world often equates peace with the absence of conflict or problems. However, true peace comes from a deep trust in God, even amidst turmoil. In Philippians, Paul encourages us not to be anxious but to bring everything to God in prayer. The result is a peace that surpasses all understanding.

Consider areas in your life where you've tried to create peace by avoiding conflict or setting up boundaries. While boundaries can be healthy, are there places where you've closed yourself off from God's work? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you need to trade your self-made peace for God's true peace. Practice bringing your anxieties to God today, trusting Him to guard your heart and mind.

### Day 3: Covenant Relationship with God

Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13

Devotional: The story of the Gibeonites and Israelites reminds us of the power of covenant. As believers, we are in an even greater covenant relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This new covenant, described in Hebrews, is based on better promises and secured by Christ's sacrifice.

Reflect on what it means to be in covenant with God. How does this relationship differ from a mere religious practice or set of rules? Consider areas where you might be trying to earn God's favor rather than living in the freedom of His grace. Thank God for His faithfulness to His covenant promises, even when we falter.

### Day 4: Discernment in Spiritual Warfare

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

Devotional: The transcription mentions the importance of discernment in recognizing spiritual attacks. Ephesians 6 provides us with a vivid picture of the spiritual armor God provides for these battles. This armor isn't just defensive; it equips us to stand firm in faith.

Take time to "put on" each piece of armor through prayer today. Ask God for increased discernment to recognize spiritual attacks, not just in your life but in the lives of those around you. How might you use this discernment to intercede for others or offer support to those facing spiritual battles?

### Day 5: Surrendering Control to God

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Devotional: One of the key themes from the transcription is the need to surrender control to God and trust in His leadership. Proverbs 3:5-6 beautifully encapsulates this principle, encouraging us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and not lean on our own understanding.

Identify areas in your life where you're holding tightly to control. What fears or insecurities might be driving this need for control? Practice consciously acknowledging God's wisdom and surrendering your plans to Him. As you go through your day, pause regularly to say, "Lord, I trust You with this," especially in moments of decision or uncertainty.

Remember, true boldness comes not from our own strength, but from a deep trust in God's power and presence in our lives. As you reflect on these devotionals, ask God to increase your faith and reliance on Him.