

SERMON SERIES: STRONG & COURAGEOUS

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Key Line

“Sun Stand Still.”

Introduction

Last week we talked about the story of Joshua, learning about how we need to get up and do something about our sins. This week, we continue the Strong & Courageous series, talking about Joshua’s courageous prayer for more time and what it looks like to pray courageous prayers.

- What are some prayers you say most often? (Prayers for finances, for friends or family, for health, security, etc)

Seek the Word

Read Joshua 9:3-6

- Why was there an issue with a treaty between Joshua and the Israelites with Gibeon?

Read Joshua 10:7-14

- The alliance between Gibeon and the Israelites was made under false pretenses. How does this reflect God’s heart for keeping promises?
- Verse 9 says that Joshua and the army traveled all night to get to Gilgal. What makes this significant?
- What does verse 11 tell us about how God fights for His people?
- In verses 12-14 we read about how God answered Joshua’s prayer for the sun to stand still. Why might this have been Joshua’s prayer rather than something else?

Go Deeper

God answered Joshua’s prayer for the sun to stand still. Using the Logos or Blue Letter Bible app, take some time to find other places in Scripture that God has answered courageous prayers. What are they? How does God answer them?

Talk About It

- Sometimes our situations seem too big for us, but they are just the right size for God. How can we start thinking of our situations as God-sized rather than us-sized?
- God is already working in our lives behind the scenes. How do you feel knowing God is fighting for you?
- What can prevent us from praying courageous prayers? How can we remove those barriers?
- God is constantly fighting for us. What are some prayers you’ve seen God answer in your own life?

Wrap Up

Reminder: God honors courageous prayers because courageous prayers honor God.

Challenge: Spend time in prayer asking God to show you how He has already been working in your life.