

Joshua PART 5 HANDOUT

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JOSHUA 9:1-2

- News is spreading about what God is doing with Israel

JOSHUA 9:3-6 However, when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, ⁴ they resorted to a ruse: They went as a delegation whose donkeys were loaded with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended. ⁵ They put worn and patched sandals on their feet and wore old clothes. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy. ⁶ Then they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the Israelites, “We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us.”

Problem #1 - Deut 7:2 - take ALL the land, don't make a treaty

JOSHUA 9:14-15 The Israelites sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the LORD. ¹⁵ Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.

Problem #2 - did NOT inquire of the Lord

KEY: Lord, before I make this decision, what do you think before we take this next step?

- Spiritual enemy is trying to deceive me

JOSHUA 9:22-27 - ...²⁷ That day he made the Gibeonites woodcutters and water carriers for the assembly, to provide for the needs of the altar of the LORD at the place the LORD would choose. And that is what they are to this day.

JOSHUA 10:5-6 Then the five kings of the Amorites—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon—joined forces. They moved up with all their troops and took up positions against Gibeon and attacked it.

⁶ The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: “Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us.”

- God is allowing this, in order to let Israel advance and achieve victory more quickly!

JOSHUA 10:8 The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.”

- Rest in the promise that God made you - I will never leave you or forsake you!

JOSHUA 10:9-10 After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. 10 The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah.

- God’s working in our lives when our confidence is in Him before we are even awake - The outcome is based on God who’s already at work!

JOSHUA 10:11 As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

KEY: God can do more in a storm than you can do in a fight

Joshua wanted to finish this battle, finish this fight so...

JOSHUA 10:12-13 ...“Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.”

JOSHUA 10:14 There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a human being. **Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!**
Nothing like this has ever happened before or after this day

How do you communicate with God?

- Is it a small list of to-do’s or large audacious prayers?

If I have the faith of Joshua, what kind of prayers should I be praying today?

LIFE POINT: God delights in answering bold prayers of faith.

What if God worked in such a powerful way that we could say that nothing like this has ever happened before or after this day! God loves that kind of faith. God’s going to come through again and again