

JOSHUA 10:1-5

- › What motivated the king of Jerusalem to join forces with four other kings in attacking Gibeon? What was he hoping to accomplish?
- › How does the description of the inhabitants of Gibeon in verse 2 compare with their actions in Joshua 9:3-15? What was the king of Jerusalem afraid of?

JOSHUA 10:6-11

- › How did the men of Gibeon respond to the coalition of kings who were plotting to attack them (v. 6)? What was motivating them?
- › How did Joshua respond to their cry for help (vv. 7-8)? What does this tell us about Joshua?
- › What did God promise Joshua (v. 8)? What does this tell us about Him?
- › How did Joshua respond to God's promise (v. 9)? What did God do as a result (vv. 10-11)?

JOSHUA 10:12-14

- › Why is it important to see that Joshua prayed this big, outlandish prayer in front of the people of Israel? What does it indicate about his faith?
- › Notice, too, that Joshua continued to fight. Why do you think he did this?

CENTRAL TRUTH

When we actively trust God's Word, we can engage in the mission He has given us without fear.

NOW WHAT?

- › In what areas of life are you letting fear control you? What would it look like for you to actively trust God in those areas?
- › What in your life keeps you from trusting God and His Word? How can you overcome these distractions?
- › What battle are you facing in which you need to take hold of the victory God has already given you in Christ?
- › How does trusting in God free us from fear? What actions do you need to take to trust God at school, in your activities, and at home? What battle are you facing in which you need to take hold of the victory God has already given you in Christ?
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PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Read Psalm 46. Where did the psalmist turn in his time of trouble? What can you learn from his prayer? How should the promises of God in this prayer give you strength in your day-to-day life? Set aside some time to meditate on the truths of this Psalm, particularly how God's infinite power and certain promises empower you to live on mission for Him.
- › **Memorize:** Joshua 1:7
- › **Pray:** Thank God for His promises and His Word which empower us to live without fear. Ask Him to help you lean on the promises in His Word, and to trust in the power He promises to provide as you seek to live on mission for Him. Ask Him to help you have the heart of Joshua, who was unswervingly focused on the mission God had given him.

KEEP ON DIGGING

Read the following verses, as well as the surrounding context verses if time allows. Journal what each verse tells you about God and what it tells you about your fears. Then journal a prayer to God asking Him to help you look to Him for the strength necessary to overcome your fears and live for His glory.

- › Deuteronomy 31:6
- › Psalm 118:6-7
- › Isaiah 41:10
- › Luke 12:22-26
- › Philippians 4:6-7
- › 1 John 4:18