

Be Strong and Courageous: Victory At Gibeon
Joshua 10: 1-43

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1. Ephesians 6 makes it clear that the Christian life is one of ongoing warfare. It's not just an occasional skirmish that we're engaged in. We are in a spiritual battle with evil.
2. The Scriptures make frequent reference to the warfare that marks the life of God's people.
3. When we choose to join God's family through faith in Jesus Christ, we're automatically engaged with God in this battle against sin and the forces of Satan himself.
4. Joshua 10 helps us understand what it means to be victorious soldiers, to be strong and courageous in the face of our enemies.

1. You Will Face Opposition. Joshua 10: 1-5
 1. The first fifteen verses summarize the attack on Gibeon and their miraculous rescue by God through the nation of Israel.
 2. The battle belongs to the Lord.
2. God is a Faithful To His Covenant. Joshua 10: 6-10
 1. These verses talk about God's faithfulness in keeping his covenant.
 2. How do we know God is on our side?
3. God Intervenes For His People. Joshua 10: 12-15
 1. Three great miracles of God are at work on Israel's behalf.
 2. Critics have a field day with the miracle of the sun "standing still."
 3. The most amazing thing about this miracle is that God listened to a man on earth and changed the course of nature.
4. God's People Experience Certain Victory. Joshua 10: 16-27
 1. This passage records the capture and execution of the five Amorite kings.
 2. Our own call to battle in Ephesians 6 makes clear the intensity of our ongoing warfare.
5. **Joshua Returns to Gilgal. Joshua 10: 28-43**
 1. Two things are mentioned in verses 28-42: First, the Lord gave the victory, and second, Joshua did everything God commanded of him.
 2. Joshua carried out warfare God's way.
 3. The very last verse of the chapter is quiet and reflective: Then Joshua returned to Gilgal.