

Faith Triumphs: Joshua's Victories - Part 2

Joshua 7-12

Main Idea: Faith triumphs through our active warfare and our warrior God as we seek to obey by faith and rest in the promise of certain victory.

Introduction

Our two great enemies:

- Indwelling sin - **Romans 7:20-23**
- Demonic attacks - **Ephesians 6:12**

Sometimes We Seek To Fight Our Battles With Sin In The Camp (Ch. 7-8)

- Achan's secret sin and Israel's self-confidence - **Chapter 7**
- Three takeaways from Achan and Israel's failure
 - Secret sins are never private sins - **1 Corinthians 12:12, 26**
 - We are the most vulnerable to failure after victory - **Proverbs 11:2**
 - Only when we see sin as God does can we relish in our Savior and His sin-removing, righteousness-bringing sacrifice
 - **Hebrews 7:27; John 1:29; Acts 20:21**
- The victory of the dependant - **Chapter 8**
 - **vv. 1-2, 30-35**
- Two takeaways from Israel's obedience and victory
 - Our past failure does not define us nor confine us
 - In our victories and failures, always remember and worship - **Jeremiah 29:11**

Sometimes We Seek To Fight Our Battles Without God - (Ch. 9)

- The enemy often defeats through deception - **vv. 1-6**
- Three takeaways from the Gibeonites
 - The enemy destroys more from deception than a frontal assault
 - **1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 11:3**
 - The enemy will capitalize on our lack of fellowship with our Lord - **v. 14**
 - The enemy will only serve to accomplish our Sovereign God's kingdom plan - **Genesis 50:15-20; Job 42:2**

Sometimes We Fight Our Battles With The Lord Of Hosts - (Ch. 10-12)

- The southern alliance and God's faithfulness - **vv. 5-8**
 - **vv. 9-14**

- **Joshua 11:15, 23**
- Three takeaways from the defeat of the five Kings
 - The faithful God acts on behalf of faithful people - **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**
 - When we embrace the Kingdom mission of God, we will see God's hand in mighty ways
 - The faithful must resolve to not fear and finish the fight
 - **Joshua 10:22-25; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

So What?

- Since the fight is inevitable, do you know how to fight?
 - **Ephesians 6:10-18**
 - We fight with God's Word
 - We fight together
 - We fight through abiding - **v. 18**

Now What? (Small Group Discussion)

- Discuss some past failures in your life, marriage, or business. Why are we so hesitant to discuss our failures? What can the conquest of Canaan teach us about failure and victory?
- Read **Ephesians 6:10-18**. Discuss the spiritual armor and how to use it.
- Read **Acts 5:1-11**. How does this story connect with the sin of Achan? Do we consider sin as serious as God does? Discuss the idea that our private sin hurts only ourselves.