**A Life Lived for God [The Book of Joshua]**

**79 - More Than Conquerors, Joshua 10. 33-39, pt. 2- December 4, 2022**

Review from our message last week: “More Than Conquerors, Pt.1” Joshua 10:29-32

* **Joshua 1:7-8** 7*Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*
* **Philippians 2:2** *2Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*
* **Philippians 2:5** 5Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:
* **2 Timothy 2:15** *15Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

In today’s message, **“More Than Conquerors, Pt. 2” Joshua 10:33-39,** as the Israelites advance, they will be…

1. Sober and Vigilant
2. Relentless
3. Tireless
4. Trusting God’s Guidance

**Joshua 10:33-39** *33Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining. 34And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it: 35And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish. 36And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it: 37And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein. 38And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it: 39And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.*

As we study this ancient military campaign to conquer God’s “Promised Land” of Canaan, we see strategies that we can use to conquer our spiritual “promised land,” the abundant life. (Peace with God)

**Joshua 1:5** *5There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

1. **God’s people are Sober and Vigilant [reference Joshua 10:33]**
* King Horam and his army show up right on the heels of the battle of Lachish.
* They aren’t caught off guard. *“…and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.”*
* They understand that until all of Canaan is conquered, they are always in danger.

**1 Peter 5:8** *8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

1. We stay dependent upon God. (Through our prayer life & how we live.)

2. We feed on His word every day. (2 Timothy 2:15)

3. We live a righteous and holy life. (Set apart from the world)

**The enemy is always on the hunt!** 1 Peter 5:8 *“…as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”*

1. **As the Israelites are advancing into their Promised Land, they are** **Relentless** [reference Joshua 10:34-35]

They travel great distances. They conquered the same day they arrive. They waste no time. This is how we must deal with worldly influences in our lives. We must be relentless to seek and destroy the ungodly influences in our lives.

**One of the Devils most effective lies is that he tells you that you can do it TOMORROW.**

Let’s see what the Bible says about tomorrow….

* **Proverbs 27:1** *1Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.*
* **James 4:13-14** *13Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*
* **2 Corinthians 6:2** *2(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

*God wants us to deal with our sin today.*

Notice the Biblical icon, *“that day,”* that appeared twice in Joshua 10:35. God’s pointing us to His second coming.

**Revelation 19:21** *21And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

It will be on *“that day”* that God will bring judgment upon those who rebelled against Him and served the god of this world.

The city Eglon translates as “Calf-like.”

Remember what happened at the base of Mount Sinai, when the Israelites created a “golden calf” as a replacement for God.

**We should ask ourselves what “replacements” for God do we need to destroy in our lives?**

1. **As they advance into their Promised Land, the Israelites are being Tireless. [Reference Joshua 10:36-37]**
* Joshua and the Israelites just keep advancing!
* God’s will for us is to possess the *“peace of God that passeth all understanding”.*
* Do we really put our trust in God?

**Isaiah 26:3** *3Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

**John 14:23** *23Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

**John 14:26** *26But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 27Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

* God doesn’t want us living in fear or continually struggle with sinfulness!
* His desire for us is the same as it was for the Israelites; that we would not only possess our Promised Land, but live there in peace! *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*

**Matthew 7:20** *“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”* People’s lives give evidence of their spiritual walk.

**Galatians 5:22** *22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

**Psalms 139:23-24** *23Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

1. **The Israelites are advancing into their Promised** Land **Trusting God’s Guidance** [Reference Joshua 10:38-39]
* After journeying close to sixty miles, God is instructing them to travel 8 miles back to Debir. [Joshua 10:38]

They trust God and just start marching. Would we do this without murmuring? Or do we put stipulations on our service to God… “*I will serve you Lord, as long as it…”*

Are we willing to evaluate ourselves honestly before God, to go to war with every ungodly aspect of our lives as the Israelites did?

Joshua and his men trusted and followed God without question…. Will we do the same?

The peace that our life displays will reflect our answer.

Matthew 7:20 “*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”*

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**(Wednesday Bible Study Questions)**

1. As we continued our journey into the Promised Land with Joshua and his men, we took note of their preparedness. They were sober and vigilant as they moved forward. In your own words, please breakdown and explain 1 Peter 5:8 and relate it to the attitude of the Israelites here in Canaan.

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Bonus: Using 1 Peter 5:8 as your foundation, please explain how this verse should be lived out in the life of a believer in our current day.

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2. We touched on the subject of “me time!” in our message. Please explain why this concept is not Biblical and include at least one supporting verse to make your argument.

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Bonus: Please explain the danger that “Me time!” poses to a Christian’s consistent walk with God.

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3. We also took note of the relentlessness of the Israelites in dealing with the wicked kingdoms in their Promised Land. Using a Biblical character from scripture, please give another example of this same kind of determination to deal with evil.

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Bonus: And it was in the Israelite’s determination to do what God commanded, that we saw how we should deal with wickedness in our lives. Are there stumbling blocks in your life that are keeping you from doing this completely? Explain

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4. We took note of God’s urgency in us dealing with sin. Please share a Biblical example of someone who didn’t deal with their sin and share the results of their decision.

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5. The Israelites, like us, are pressing forward through opposition to bring peace to their Promised Land. This requires a tireless willingness to keep fighting the good fight. Please give at least two verses that encourage us to do the same.

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Bonus: How do you remind yourself to stay on course when adversity comes and what advice would you give others who are struggling to do so? (Include verses if applicable)

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6. The last point of our message was “Trusting God’s Guidance”. Please explain in your own words why this can sometimes be hard to do.

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Bonus: Please give an example of when you’ve fully trusted God’s guidance. Please explain the impact this time in your life had on your faith.