**A Life Lived for God [The Book of Joshua] 01.01.23**

**84 - Leave Nothing Undone, Joshua 11.10-15 (01.15.23)**

Joshua and the Israelites set their sights on winning the war for Canaan. There are still wicked forces that need to be destroyed.

To fully conquer their Promised Land they will… **“Leave Nothing Undone” [Joshua 11:10-15]**

The Promised Land was given to them through Abraham over 680 years earlier, God wants His people to dwell there.

It is a place of “Peace with God”. For them it was a physical place of abundance, a land flowing with milk and honey.

For us it represents **a spiritual destination of abundanc**e where we walk with God in fellowship and true holiness.

For the Israelites, their warfare is **physical**, but for us it is spiritual.

**Joshua 11:10-15** *10And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. 11And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire. 12And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. 13But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn.*

*14And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. 15As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.*

**2 Corinthians 10:3-4** *3For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

**Key Points Today:**

1. Wicked Strongholds Confronted
2. Faithfulness to God’s Word
3. Obedience to God Rewarded
4. A Mission Completed
5. **Wicked Strongholds are Confronted [Joshua 11:10-11]**
* Hazor means “Castle” (Hazor is rule by king Jabin, **Joshua 11:1** 1*And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,*
* Jabin instigated and organized the powerful pagan alliance that they had just defeated. Now, Joshua heads to the “Wicked Stronghold” of Hazor to destroy it.
1. **Its Leadership is Destroyed [Joshua 11:10]**
	* The kings of these “wicked strongholds” lead wicked kingdoms. The pagan cities represent the will of their individual kingdoms. The stronghold must be destroyed. To destroy “Wicked Strongholds” that have power over us, we must remove its head!

**Romans 8:26-28** *26Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

We must put faith in His will for us and relinquish our will for His.

**B. Its Strength is Decimated [Joshua 11:11]**

* After Jabin was killed, the Israelite utterly destroyed the city by burning it to the ground.
* *“10….Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms.”*

God judged it with fire. It’s by fire that God delivers His ultimate judgment to all who defy Him throughout history.

They will pay for their defiance in a “Lake of Fire”. **When God delivers the victory over our “strongholds” we must leave their ruins in the past. There are no glory days when it comes to sin.**

**Philippians 3:13-14** *13Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

**2. Faithfulness to God’s Word [Joshua 11:12]**

- Joshua confronts them each with the same level of intensity. *“12…smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them…”*

**Sin is sin. Rebellion is rebellion.**

**1 Peter 1:15-16** *15But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*

**3. Obedience to God Rewarded [Joshua 11:13-14]**

- God provides what they need. He rewards their faithfulness. **Reference in your Bible, Matthew 6:20-33**

- The Lord Jesus tells us in **Matthew 6:33** *33But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* God rewards faithfulness!

Will we trust Him for our provisions like Joshua?

or

Will we waste our time worrying about tomorrow?

**4. A Mission Completed [Joshua 11:15]**

- God gave Moses a mission, “a Commission” to the Israelites to conquer Canaan for the glory of God.

*- “15…and so did Joshua; he* ***left nothing undone*** *of all that the LORD commanded Moses.”*

**Jesus’s disciples did the same and as a result, we are saved today.**

The commission that the Lord gave the church was to reach the lost with the Gospel, baptize them and train them.

**Matthew 28:19-20** *19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

**Discipleship is the *work of the Lord*!**

**John 17:4** *4I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished* ***the work*** *which thou gavest me to do.*

* His work was to establish disciples who would carry on the mission of reaching the world with the Gospel.
* That is the work we should be doing!

Are we doing what God called us to do?

“Reaching the lost” with the love of Christ.

Is the focus of our lives to fulfill the

“Great Commission” that the God’s given us?

Reaching…Baptizing…. Discipling

Or

Are we so in love with this world that our focus is on our own personal happiness?

**Will we exit this world leaving the “Work of the Lord” incomplete?**

Or

**Will we, like Moses, have our Joshua to continue in our absence to**

**“Leave Nothing Undone”**

**“Leave Nothing Undone” (Personal Bible Study Questions)** *Bring this completed for Wednesday at 7PM.*

Reference Text - Joshua 11:10-15

1. As the Israelites advanced to the city of Hazor, we took note of how determined they were to destroy its wicked and influential king, from your perspective, why was eliminating the evil leadership of Hazor necessary?

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**Bonus:** Wicked leaders tend to lead \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms. Please give a Biblical example of this and explain how God ultimately dealt with that leader.

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2. Have you ever been a part of an organization that had wicked leadership? Please describe the culture that leader had on the organization.

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3. Has there ever been a stronghold of sin in your life that you struggled to overcome? If you overcame it, please explain how. If you’ve not overcome it, please explain what you’re currently doing to gain the victory.

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4. Victory in the Christian life comes by way of surrender. Please explain what this means and include at least one verse to support your argument.

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**Bonus:** In what areas of your life are you currently trying to orchestrate a full surrender?

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5. After decimating Hazor, Joshua advanced to the other surrounding kingdoms with the same determination. Please explain what this pictured for us as we deal with lesser strongholds in our own lives.

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6. In 1 Peter 1:15-16 God calls us to be holy, not just in some areas, but in all. In your own words, please explain why this is so difficult, and share one Biblical principle that can aid your brothers and sisters in being more holy.

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7. Please give an example of God rewarding faithfulness in your own life.

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8. As believers in Christ, we have been given a commission to reach the world. Please give at least two scriptures that spotlight our God given mission.

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**Introspection:** In considering our commission from the Lord to “Reach, Baptize, and Disciple” where do you feel you are lacking and what are you currently doing to increase your obedience in that area of your Christian walk?

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**HOPE Prayer List- Week of Jan 15, 2023**

*Make this a part of your daily and weekly prayers.*

**Pray for our church**

* For revival in the church, for spiritual protection over the ministry and God’s servants
* For the power of His hand on our ministry & members & ***NEW Laborers!***
* For Pastor David and Christine to be strong in the Lord & faithful, humble, servants of the Lord Jesus Christ
* For our children’s and teen ministries
* For all to be involved in the work of the Lord - **Matthew 28:19-20**

**Requests for God’s Healing and God’s Grace, from members and friends of our ministry:**

* **Christine** - for Granny physically and mentally, and for God’s hand on my sister’s health.
* **Erik** – for his dad, Fred, healing, and successful cancer treatment
* **Brother Jun Rodrigo** (our missionary to the Philippines) – for healing from cancer and treatments
* **Matthew**: for his health, physical strength, and wellbeing
* **Yulia:** Prayer for Maddy, Ken and family, comfort and strength in their time of pain and grieving.
* **Healing:** Jeff Usher (prostate), Amber (cancer), Brian Rodman (prostate)
* **Lauretta:** for her dad, Arnold, health, and wellbeing
* **Karen:** for her health, the right medication, her healing, and return to church
* **Rebekah:** for healing and complete restoration from COVID and the implications
* **Izabel** for her migraines to stop.
* **Yulia:** for her dizziness and her jaw to heal, and for her strength to stay in the Word during her busy schedule
* **Yulia:** Prayer for Calvin’s health and well-being
* **Yulia:** Prayer for Aaron: Pray for his health. For God’s healing power over him.
* **James:** Prayer for Sunnie, she is 10 years old and has a brain tumor
* **Gary and Elena Cepeda** – Gary has a cold and Elena has cancer
* **Tony and Anne**-**Marie Buttrick** – Prayer for Teresa Lambert, healing and recovery from Breast Cancer

**Requests for Spiritual Protection, God’s Guidance, and God’s Restoration, from members and friends of our ministry:**

* **Alana**: for God’s wisdom and guidance for her & Ryan, and for Shannen (daughter) to hunger for God & have His guidance.
* **Alana:** Prayer for Charlie & Isabella (Bella)- Pray for God’s wisdom and guidance.
* **Erik and Kim:** Kire’s spiritual protection in NY and his spiritual growth
* **Alina** – for family healing/reconciliation, for David’s spiritual growth, and for God’s wisdom
* **Tony Buttrick** – coworkers and family members in the Ukraine – for safety and salvations
* **Liz** – for her son, Ben, for a job in a town that is good for his family spiritually
* **Kevin’s cousin**, Brian, asking for God to work in his family and bring restoration
* **Candra:** Harold Styron and family,for comfort and strength in their time of pain and grieving.
* **Jeri:** Prayer for God’s guidance and wisdom in her workplace
* **Christine:** pray for Carly’s work, God’s wisdom and help in her new job
* **Pray for Miko’s** safety in Japan and for God to open doors for her to share the gospel.

**Requests For Deliverance, Salvation, and Changed Hearts**

**Miko’s son**: Alan and her sister in Japan, Rina; **Alana’s neighbors:** (Khubush and Nisit) and **her dad**, Deo and her **brother**, Jeewan; **Dexter** -Lecie and Jose; a friend of the ministry: Brian Rodman; **Izabel’s extended family**; **Sabra’s family:** Julius and David; **Jeri Grantham’s dad**; **Karen’s children**: Gandy and Tyler; **Erik’s sister:** Kristen and husband, Javier; Yulia’s mom: Inna

If you have prayer requests that you would like to add to this list, please reach out to Pastor David at 704-562-1019 or Christine at 704-839-3049