

Sermon Study Guide



#9: My God is So Big

Series: *Courage in the Crucible*

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In this study on the book of Joshua, we learn how we can stand courageous when trials, difficult situations, opposition, and inevitable changes surround us.

Reflect

What makes God big and mighty in your eyes?

Read and Discuss

Scripture

Joshua 10:1-27

Discussion Questions

1. Read Joshua 10:1-27. Since the King of Jerusalem was afraid of Joshua and the Israelites, what tactic did he come up with against the city of Gibeon? Why would he want to do it? What action did the Gibeonites do? (v. 1-6)
2. To have the courage to persevere through life's challenges, we need to be reminded that God is indeed so big, so strong, and so mighty:
 - a. ***He enables me to overcome my challenges (v. 7-10).*** What instruction did God give Joshua to make him confident enough to take on the challenge brought to him by the Gibeonites? Aside from the assurance that God would be with them, what other things did God grant the Israelites in order for them to defeat their enemies? What big or little things happen in your daily life that you would consider a miracle and would attribute credit to God? What does John 15:5 say about being unable to do anything without the Lord Jesus? Share one real life experience you have that shows that God is indeed mighty to enable you to overcome a challenge in your life.
 - b. ***He uses nature to accomplish His will (v. 11).*** What did God send to kill most of the Israelites' enemies? What does this occurrence tell you about God being

powerful and mighty? How is this power similar to what Jesus did in Mark 4:35-41? When do you pray about the weather? Could you give an example of how God uses the power of nature to accomplish His will?

- c. ***He can supernaturally intervene to do the impossible (v. 12-15).*** What did Joshua ask boldly that showed his great faith in the greatness and power of God? Why does a supernatural act of God not need a scientific explanation? Do you believe in God's miracles? Why or why not? What is your response when you see and acknowledge God's miracles happening in this world, and specifically in your life?
- d. ***No one will escape His all-seeing eyes (v. 16-27).*** What did the five Amorite kings do to escape Joshua? Why were they not able to escape? How do you think the words of Joshua in verse 25 encouraged the Israelites in that very long day? How has God been fighting for you in your life's battles? Does it comfort you that when someone treats you badly or unfairly that they wouldn't be able to escape God who sees all?

Respond

In Walk: Is there any problematic thing in your life right now that you think is too much for you to handle? Have you tried putting your trust in God for that specific matter? Can you say with conviction that God is indeed big and mighty?

In Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have proven in the past that You are indeed big, strong and mighty, that there is absolutely nothing You cannot do. And You who have performed miracles in the past performs miracles now, and will continue to do so in the future. Help me to see and acknowledge Your greatness in this world and in my life, that You, my God, truly deserve to be worshipped for who You are. In Jesus' name. Amen