

**JOSHUA:** *presence. courage. action.*

The Long Day - Joshua 10:1-28

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“Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”

- **Joshua 10:12**

## I. A COVENANT HONORED

- Five kings gather their armies to punish Gibeon for its treachery against the Canaanite coalition. The strongest king, Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem, leads the charge (vss. 1-5).
- The Gibeonites call upon Israel to honor their treaty (covenant), and it is honored not only by Joshua, but by the Lord Himself (vss. 6-9).
- A strategic all-night march leads to a surprise morning attack that sends the enemy to flight. God then intervenes supernaturally to decisively destroy the enemy (vss. 10-15).

## II. IF GOD IS FOR US

- When you align yourself with God, expect opposition. But God is for you (Ps. 23:4; Mark 13:13; Luke 6:22-23; John 16:32-33; 1 Pet. 5:8).
- When you are weak, the enemy will attack. But God is for you. His power is perfected in your weakness (2 Cor. 12:6-10).
- Nothing can separate you from the love of Christ. Nothing (Rom. 8:31-39).
- We serve a God who is for us, not against us. It is paramount that we remember this (Deut. 31:8; Josh. 1:5; Ps. 9:10; 37:25; Heb. 13:5).

**KNOW:** If you are a Christ-follower, then God is on your side. He is for you, not against you.

**DO:** Rest in the knowledge that God is for you.

### Recommended Reading:

*God in the Whirlwind: How the Holy-love of God Reorients Our World*, by David F. Wells (Available in the LifePoint Library, 231.6 WEL)

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

1. Why do the Canaanite kingdoms unite against God's people?
2. Talk through some of the implications you see for us today as they relate to Israel going to war to protect Gentiles, all based on a treaty. What does it say about honoring our word, for instance?
3. What do you think about the supernatural interventions related to us in this chapter?
4. Once again, we see incredible violence in this chapter. Talk through your thoughts on this issue if you have not already done so previously in our study through Joshua.
5. Where do you struggle in this area of "God for us"? Is that difficult for you to grasp or see in your life? Why or why not?
6. What are some of your take-aways from this chapter in Joshua?