

# The Book of Joshua

**Session 7: Joshua 10:16-23:16**

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# Be Strong and Courageous

## Key Scripture for this Year

### **First Chronicles 28:20**

**Be strong and courageous and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God is with you.**

**”Do the work” is a call to action, urging us to be faithful and obedient to God's call, trusting in His presence and provision.**

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### Main Idea

**We should wholly surrender to God's plan and rely on Him to fight our battles.**

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- **Head Change**

**To know that God can accomplish what we cannot.**

- **Heart Change**

**To feel confident that God will give us victory in our battles.**

- **Life Change**

**To rest in the knowledge that God is for us and fights for us.**

**Do you enjoy underdog stories? Which underdog story is your favorite, and why?**

- **Many of us have a soft spot for underdogs, people or teams who overcome incredible odds, In sports and life, we often can't help but root for the people who are disregarded or overlooked.**
- **In the Bible, the people of God are often considered underdogs. Whether they were facing the Egyptian Empire or the many nations on the other side of the Jordan River, they faced long odds. But God was with them, causing the supposed underdogs to triumph. In this session, Louie Giglio will show us that when we put our trust in God, we are underdogs no more.**
- **Read Joshua 11:16-23 - 23:1-16**

**Before watching this session, here are a few important things to look for in Louie Giglio's teaching.**

**As you watch, pay attention to how he answers the following questions.**

- **How does Louie define rest?**
- **How does rest differ from comfort?**
- **What were Joshua's parting words to Israel?**

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**Chapter 11 closes with Joshua taking the entire land. In chapters 12-22 Joshua parceled out the land to the people of Israel according to their tribes.**

- **In Joshua 23, Joshua's final message to Israel reminded them that God had fought for them and given them the victory. The people had proven that they could easily forget about God's work and provision, so they needed that reminder before entering a season of rest. We are no different. If we do not remind ourselves of God's goodness in seasons of stress, we can forget Him in seasons of rest.**

- **Joshua told Israel in verse 8 "to be loyal to the Lord your God." He also gave them a dire warning: if they turned away from God, the Lord would cease working on their behalf, and their disloyalty would result in their downfall.**

**Even though we are fully forgiven in Christ, we can still feel the effects of our sin and even wreck our lives if we ignore God's commands.**

- **Joshua reminded Israel that God kept every one of His promises, not one of them had failed, and they knew this "with all [their] heart and soul" (v, 14).**

- **Whether it was crossing the Jordon, conquering the city of Jericho,**

**Ai, or the nations within the Promised Land, Israel faced overwhelming, insurmountable obstacles. And yet, God carried them through the impossible into a season of rest. No matter your circumstances, God has not abandoned you. In Christ, He is with you, for you, and is carrying you to a day of rest.**



## **TABLE TALK QUESTIONS:**

- **What can make it easy to forget about God's involvement in our lives? What are some of the consequences of forgetting what God has done for us?**
- **In what ways can sin still affect us today? How can obeying God lead us toward His blessing and away from the negative effects of sin?**
- **What promises has God kept for you?**
- **What are you facing today that overwhelms you? In what ways can that challenge feel more formidable than God's promises? What could it look like for you to rest in the knowledge that God will fight for you and bring you through your challenges? What steps can you take to rely on God to fight for you?**

## **Last Word:**

**We all have battles to fight and obstacles to overcome in this life. It can feel like it's solely up to us to win those battles and conquer those challenges. But when we think we must fight alone, we can quickly find ourselves overwhelmed, outmatched, and rejecting the rest God has secured for us.**

- **The good news for all of us is that God fights the battles for us. He can accomplish what we cannot; He will give us victory regardless of how insurmountable the odds may seem. We need only to trust and obey Him. As we put our trust in God and the promises He's made to us. He will carry us through to a day of rest.**

## **READING PLAN:**

**Take a few minutes each day to read Joshua at your own pace and finishing by next Thursday with Joshua 22-24.**

- **Week 1: Joshua 1-3**
- **Week 2: Joshua 4-6**
- **Week 3: Joshua 7-9**
- **Week 4: Joshua 10-12**
- **Week 5: Joshua 13-15**
- **Week 6: Joshua 16-18**
- **Week 7: Joshua 19- 21**
- **Week 8: Joshua 22-24**