RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

VICTORY ON STEROIDS

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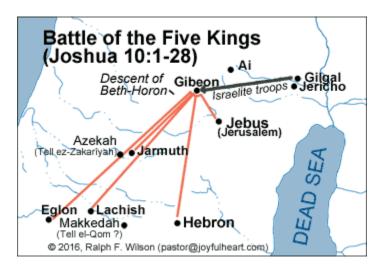


And Joshua captured all these kings and their lands at one time, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. Joshua 10:42

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. Romans 8:37

Did you know that overwhelming victory is yours in Jesus?

- 1. God will take your failures and work them for good.
 - A. Foolish decisions have consequences.



"Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly and save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites that live in the hill country have assembled against us."

Joshua 10:6

B. Foolish decisions can be redeemed by the Lord.

2. God will fight for you as you walk with Him.

So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the valiant warriors. And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; not one of them shall stand before you."

So Joshua came upon them suddenly by marching all night from Gilgal.

And the LORD confounded them before Israel, and He slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and pursued them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them as far as Azekah and Makkedah. And it came about as they fled from before Israel, while they were at the descent of Beth-horon, that the LORD threw large stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword. Joshua 10:7-11

A. Insurmountable circumstances are no match for God.

B. We can have confidence when we <u>cling to His Word</u>. And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; not one of them shall stand before you." Joshua 10:8

C. We can pray boldly when we are in His will.

Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, "O sun, stand still at Gibeon, And O moon in the valley of Aijalon." So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, Until the nation avenged themselves of their

enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, when the LORD listened to the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel. Joshua 10:12-14

D. We can see God do miracles when we pray in faith.

3. God wants you to see yourself victorious in Jesus.

Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of the cave and bring these five kings out to me from the cave." And they did so, and brought these five kings out to him from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. And it came about when they brought these kings out to Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said to the chiefs of the men of war who had gone with him, "Come near, put your feet on the necks of these kings." So they came near and put their feet on their necks. Joshua then said to them, "Do not fear or be dismayed! Be strong and courageous, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies with whom you fight." Joshua 10:22-25

- A. You are not a victim but a victor.
- B. Your enemy is a defeated foe.

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil. And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:19-20

If you will walk in the truth, you will experience the victory!