



## WORD

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(Read also **JOSHUA 10:1-11.**)

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God’s intervention turned the tide for His people when they needed it most. He accomplished the impossible when He made the sun stand still in response to Joshua’s bold declaration. Sometimes, when we get trapped in an impossible situation, we look for ways to figure things out and solve problems on our own—not realizing that our first resort should be to look to and trust God. In this lesson, we will look at how, like Joshua, we can believe God for the impossible.

## 1 Believe God’s promises for you.

*And the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands. Not a man of them shall stand before you.” **JOSHUA 10:8***

When we get caught up with what’s happening around us, we can forget about God’s faithfulness and promise. But Joshua didn’t lose sight of God’s promise of victory for His people. In the same way, we can believe that God can and will fulfill what He has said He will do (Psalm 145:13), because that’s just who He is—He is faithful and true. Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Jeremiah 32:17)

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## 2 Believe that God is fighting for you.

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As Christians, whatever battle we may be going through, God promises to be with us, and He fights for us, just as He fought for Israel. We are not alone on the battlefield. We can withstand all the trials that come our way because we have a great God who is fighting for us. Recall a challenging time when God fought for you or your family.

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## 3 Believe God for victory.

*So Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. **JOSHUA 10:15***

Just as God gave Joshua victory, in Christ, He has also given us the ultimate victory. Two thousand years ago, Christ won the greatest battle by dying for us on the cross and rising from the dead. Now, in Christ, we can declare faith, not fear. In Christ, we can declare that all things are possible, not impossible. What has Jesus delivered us from? (Colossians 1:13,14)

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## APPLICATION

- Do you believe that God has good promises for you? What could be stopping you from believing God? How can you declare your trust in God and His Word more, starting this week?
- In what area of your life do you need God to fight for you? What promises are you holding on to and how can you keep believing God in this season?
- Name one family member, friend, colleague, or classmate who needs to hear the gospel. Would you be willing to present the gospel to him/her this week? How will you prepare for it?

## PRAYER

- Thank God for doing the impossible for us—saving us and giving us eternal life. Pray that you will always be grateful for who Jesus is and what He has done for you.
- Ask God to do the seemingly impossible for you—to make the sun stand still in your situation. Believe that He will always come through for you and ask Him for grace to endure, even during tough times.
- Declare God's promises over your life. Ask Him to use your life as salt and light, so many more may come to know Him, even starting this week.



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