

MESSAGE NOTES: SUN, STAND STILL!

Ephesians 6:12-13

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Joshua 10:6

The Gibeonites then sent word to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal: "Do not abandon your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country have joined forces against us."

Joshua 10:7-8

So Joshua marched up from Gilgal with his entire army, including all the best fighting men. ⁸ The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them; I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you."

- **2 Peter 1:12-15**

So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ had made clear to me. And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

Joshua 10:9-11

After an all-night march from Gilgal, Joshua took them by surprise. ¹⁰ The LORD threw them into confusion before Israel, so Joshua and the Israelites defeated them completely at Gibeon. Israel pursued them along the road going up to Beth Horon and cut them down all the way to Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹ As they fled before Israel on the road down from Beth Horon to Azekah, the LORD hurled large hailstones down on them, and more of them died from the hail than were killed by the swords of the Israelites.

Joshua 10:12-14

¹² On the day the LORD gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the LORD in the presence of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon." ¹³ So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. ¹⁴ There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the LORD listened to a human being. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!

Mark 11:22-24

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered.²³ "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

James 4:1-3

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Faith Group Questions

1. Share a truth that stood out to you from this week's message.
 - a. How will this help your walk with Jesus?
 - b. How will you use this to help someone else walk with Jesus?
2. Read and meditate on Joshua chapter 10:12-14.
 - a. What do these verses reveal about our God?
 - b. What do they reveal about prayer?
3. Read and meditate on Matthew 21:18-22. What is Jesus teaching you about prayer?
4. Read and meditate on 1 John 5:13-15 and James 4:1-3. According to these verses, what will help your prayers be effective and what will hinder your prayers from being effective?
5. What are you going to ask our powerful God for in prayer?