



Leave No Survivors

July 7th-8th, 2018

SERIES: Joshua

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Read: Joshua 10:15-12:24

Returning to Gilgal - WORKING from REST (10:15)

The fighting in the South

- FINDING your ENEMY (10:16-17)
 - Your enemies must be CONTAINED, PURSUED and STOPPED (10:18-19)
 - Your enemies must be STRUCK until they are completely POWERLESS (10:20-21)
 - Your enemies must be DEVOTED to DESTRUCTION (10:22-28)
 - Fighting your enemies requires that you find time for REST and RECALIBRATION (10:41-43)

Fighting in the North

- OUTNUMBERED but not OVERPOWERED (11:4-9)
- God FIGHTS for his people but HARDENS the hearts of their enemies (11:10-20)
- Joshua TAKES the WHOLE LAND (11:21 – 12:24)

Bottom Line: God is the ultimate warrior

For those not yet living a Jesus-centered life

1. Allow Jesus to TRANSFORM you from being his ENEMY to being his FRIEND.

For those living a Jesus-centered life

1. Seek Holy Spirit's help to DEVOTE to DESTRUCTION everything that is idolatry.
2. REST in the knowledge that GOD FIGHTS for you.
3. INVITE others into the REST that God wants them to have.

Discussion Questions:

1. Just as the Israelites returned to Gilgal, a place where they have experienced victories in the past, reflect and rejoice as a group where the Lord has brought you out of an area of oppression to a place of victory and shalom.
 2. What sin-enemies still exist in your life that you need to completely annihilate rather than simply put up with? What marching orders do you need to follow to put to death the sin in your life? Does anyone in the group have helpful methods?
 3. In light of the discussion of God hardening the hearts of some this week, read Ephesians 2:1-10 and discuss how the gospel brings hope to those whose hearts are currently hardened and who are enemies of God.
 4. What enemies are you up against that you need God to fight against? Pray for these as a group!
 5. Although God fights our battles for us, some injustice will not be resolved until Christ returns. Read Colossians 3:1-4 as a group and discuss how this passage helps us live in a place of Shalom amidst a fallen and unjust world.
 6. Where do you feel the Lord leading you to be an ambassador of Shalom this week? Who needs to hear the good news of Jesus that may have a hardened heart towards God? Pray for them and seek opportunities to represent the Kingdom this week.
- **Additional Resources:** This week we heard about God hardening the hearts of His enemies. This concept can be confusing and a stumbling block for others. Read the two articles below and wrestle with the concept of God hardening His enemies hearts.
 - <http://reknew.org/2015/01/god-hardens-hearts-what-does-that-mean/>
 - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/erik-raymond/why-and-how-did-god-harden-pharaohs-heart/>

OPTIONAL Throughout the Week:

Monday: Ephesians 1 **Tuesday:** Ephesians 2 **Wednesday:** Ephesians 3 **Thursday:** Ephesians 4

Friday: Ephesians 5 **Saturday:** Ephesians 6