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JOSHUA 10:1-14

MIRACLE WORKER

There were five kings united together to attack the Gibeonites. The king of Gibeon asked for Joshua's help to defeat the five kings. God told Joshua not to be afraid as God had given his enemies into his hands.

During the battle, Joshua prayed to God for the sun to stand still and the moon to stop until they defeated all their enemies. God answered his prayer and He showed His power. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day! It was so phenomenal.

God also wants you to experience His miracle. God is a miracle-working God. What you need to do to experience His miracle is have faith in Him, obey His word and pray to Him. Pray to Him because God listens to all of your prayers. Nothing is impossible for God. God intends to demonstrate His power to the world through you. Our God is a miracle worker!

Key verse:

*Luke 18:27
The things impossible for men are possible for God.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for Your miracle in my life. I know that with just one word from You miracles can happen. Nothing is impossible for You. Amen.





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JOSHUA 14:6-15

NO MOUNTAIN TOO BIG

There was a man named Caleb. He and Joshua were the only two out of the 12 spies who assured the Israelites that they would be able to take over the Promised Land. Because Caleb followed God wholeheartedly, God promised him that the land on which his feet had walked would be his and his children's inheritance forever.

Forty-five years later, when Caleb was 85 years old, He told Joshua that he wanted to take over the hill country of Hebron. That time, the Anakites lived there and the Anakites were big, gigantic people. Caleb said that he was still as strong as when Moses sent him as a spy 45 years before and he wasn't afraid of the Anakites because he believed that God was with him and He would help him. God really helped Caleb take over Hebron and drive out the Anakites from there. From then on, Hebron had belonged to Caleb and his family.

Do you feel like you are facing a big mountain that makes you feel so small? It might be a mountain of problem or struggle you are facing. Fill your heart with God's word and promises, and then when you look at your mountain, suddenly it won't look so big anymore. You know that you can overcome it because you believe that God is with you and He will help you. No mountains are too big for your GREAT GOD.

Key verse:

Matthew 17:20

... if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Prayer

Dear God, You are bigger than any mountain in my life. My faith is in You and I believe You will help me overcome it. Amen.





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JOSHUA 17:11-18

DO YOUR BEST!

The land of Canaan was divided and given to the 12 tribes of Israel. At one point, the tribe of Joseph came to Joshua and said that their land allotment was too small and they were too numerous so they asked for more land. Joshua wisely answered them that since they were numerous, they could just go to the forest country and clear a place there and make a place for themselves. It means they would have to fight and defeat the people who lived there first before they could take over that place.

Joshua also assured them that the people of Joseph were numerous and strong and, even though the Canaanites were strong, they would be able to drive them out of the land and take over their territory.

So, we can learn that God has already given His blessings for us, but it doesn't mean that we can just relax and do nothing. We must also do our part. Work hard and do our best in everything we do. Then, have faith that God will help us to accomplish our goal.

Key verse:

Colossians 3:23
In all the work you are doing, work the best you can.

Prayer

Dear God, I want to do my best in everything I do and I want to surrender all my life to You. Amen.





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JOSHUA 21:43-45

GOD NEVER DISAPPOINTS

All the 12 tribes of Israel entered the Promised Land and each tribe was given the portion of the land to stay and live in. It means they had to take care of the land. With God's help, they managed to defeat the people of Canaan and take over the land. This is just as what God had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob many generations before.

God always says what He means and He means what He says. When He says He will do it, He will surely do it. His promises are from generation to generation and He doesn't forget. No matter how long it takes, God's promises will happen because He is trustworthy.

You and I are given a promise of eternal life from God. Jesus died on the cross for you and me to save us and to grant us eternal life in Heaven. You receive this promise of eternal life by trusting in Jesus as the Saviour of your life. You have to take care of your faith in God as if it is your treasure. Do not lose it. You can always trust in God because the Bible says that anyone who trusts in Him will not be disappointed.

Key verse:

*Isaiah 49:23
Anyone who
trusts in Me
will not be
disappointed.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, You
are the source of
hope, strength
and happiness to
me. Please stay
in my heart as my
treasure. Amen.*





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JOSHUA 24:14-27

JOSHUA'S LEGACY

Before Joshua died, he gave a farewell message to the Israelites. He reminded them again about the wonderful things that God had done throughout their lives. Now it was time for them to make the decision about whom they were going to serve, the God who had saved them from Egypt or other gods?

As for Joshua, he said "As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

To serve someone means to follow, to work for and to be obedient to that person. Serving God means obeying and following Him daily. In order to serve God, you should love Him first. People can only serve someone committedly when they love that person.

Joshua left such a strong legacy as a faithful servant of God. Even just before he died, he encouraged Israel to choose God over all things. May Joshua's legacy be our life principle: We live to serve God and to worship the True God above all things.

Key verse:

*Joshua 24:15
As for me and
my family, we
will serve the
Lord.*

Prayer

*Dear God, make
me strong in my
faith like Joshua
and obey Your
word daily. In
Jesus' name I
pray. Amen.*





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JUDGE 3:12-30

THE STRENGTH IN YOU

Many years after the death of Joshua, the Israelites started to worship other gods. Only when they were in trouble, they cried out to God. No matter how messed up the Israelites became, God continued to rescue them. He sent His judges to free the Israelites from their oppressors.

There was a judge named Ehud. The Bible says that Ehud was left-handed. During his time, a king named king Eglon was oppressing the Israelites. One day, following God's instruction, Ehud carried a weapon and met the king. Ehud managed to convince the king that he was on his side and he had an important secret message to tell the king. While the evil king didn't expect it, Ehud reached with his left hand, took out the sword that was tied to his right upper leg and defeated king Eglon with one stab. Then Israel had peace for the next 80 years. God used Ehud's strength to do the great task of freeing the Israelites from their oppressors.

You and I are God's workmanship. He creates us and He puts some certain strengths in each of us. If you are willing to follow His lead, God will use your strengths to do great things too!

Key verse:

*Ephesians 2:10
For we
are God's
handiwork.*

Prayer

*Dear God, I want
to follow Your
lead and let You
use my strengths
to accomplish
great things.
Amen.*





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JUDGES 4:4-21

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

After Ehud died, the people of Israel disobeyed God again. So, God let Jabin, a king of Canaan, defeat Israel. Sisera was the commander of Jabin's army and he was very cruel to the people of Israel for 20 years. The Israelites cried to the Lord for help. God sent Deborah, a woman judge, to send a message to a man named Barak that God would help him defeat Sisera.

Barak was scared and he refused to fight unless Deborah went with him. She went along and they defeated Sisera's army. Initially Sisera escaped the battle, but God used a woman named Jael to kill the wicked commander, Sisera. On that day God defeated Jabin king of Canaan in the sight of Israel.

It might seem unusual, but in this battle, God used the role of 2 women to fight the enemy. Although people might think that women are not strong enough to fight a battle, God can still use them to achieve victory.

What we can learn here is that even when we are weak or considered incapable of doing a certain thing, God can enable us and use us for the glory of His name. This is possible if you obey Him and if you are willing to let Him use your life to glorify His name.

Key verse:

*2 Corinthians
12:9*

*When you are
weak, then My
power is made
perfect in you.*

Prayer

*Dear God,
despite all of
my weaknesses,
Your grace is
sufficient for me.
Use my life to
show Your glory.
Amen.*

