

The Sun Stands Still - Joshua 10:1-15

Topics: Ambition, Challenge, Conflict, Enemies, Miracles, Nature, Neighbor, Obligation, Opposition, Surprises, Teamwork, Victory, War

Open It

1. When have you had to depend on a friend, and how did it make you feel to admit your need?
2. What is the most significant request you have ever asked of God?
- * 3. What is the most exciting answer to prayer you have ever seen or heard about?

Explore It

4. What did the king of Jerusalem hear about Joshua? (10:1)
5. Why were the people of Jerusalem alarmed to hear about Joshua's treaty with the Gibeonites? (10:2)
6. Of what significance was the city of Gibeon to the king of Jerusalem? (10:2-4)
7. Why did the king of Jerusalem want to attack Gibeon? (10:4)
8. Why did the five kings of the Amorites join forces? (10:5)
9. How did the Gibeonites respond to the attack of the Amorites? (10:6)
10. How did Joshua respond to the plea for help from the Gibeonites? (10:7)
11. What specific promise did the Lord give to Joshua? (10:8)
- * 12. What three miracles did the Lord perform to ensure the Israelites' defeat of the Amorites? (10:9-13)
13. Why did Joshua ask the Lord to make the sun and moon stand still? (10:12)
- * 14. How did God answer Joshua's unusual request? (10:13)
- * 15. According to the writer of this passage, what did the delay of the sun and moon demonstrate? (10:14)

Get It

16. What does Joshua's unusual request in this story reveal about his character?
17. How do you think the people of Israel felt when the Lord stopped the setting of the sun for them?
18. What does this story teach us about faith?
19. What role does faith play in your life?
- * 20. How can we cultivate and increase our faith in God?
21. When do you think it is appropriate to ask God to do miracles?
22. What can we learn from the actions of the Gibeonites in this story?
23. Why do you think it is difficult for many Christians to admit that they need the help of others?
- * 24. What does this story tell us about God's nature?
25. What does this story reveal about the kind of relationship God wants to have with us?

Apply It

- * 26. What specific step do you think you could take this week to increase your faith in God?
27. To whom can you go for help and support the next time you face a problem too difficult to handle alone?
28. How could you support a friend who is going through a difficult time right now?